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EVALUATION OF THE PRESENT APPROACH TO HEALTH
EDUCATION IN PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF VENEREAL DISEASE
ON THE BASIS OF POLISH EXPERIENCE

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After the end of the last war, health education was included in the programme of control of venereal disease in Poland, and since then it has been carried out routinely, as an integral element.

There is no obligatory uniform programme of health education in Poland. According to the methodological principles worked out by the Central Institute for Health Education in Warsaw, it is undertaken by a special staff of the Departments of Health Education in each of 25 provincial sanitary-epidemiological stations and by their staffs in over 390 counties. To some extent it is also undertaken by the Polish Red Cross. Doctors and nurses do the work in out-patient clinics and to a lesser degree in the hospital wards.

A provincial venereal disease dispensary may request an intensification in health education for the purpose of venereal disease prevention and control in a given territory or in a given group. On the basis of this request, a health education officer at the local sanitary-epidemiological station selects the method, techniques and available media, and directs the work.

Parallel to the activity of the sanitary-epidemiological stations, venereal disease dispensaries may independently take an active part in carrying out health education which they usually do.

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