

Analysis of the fate of patients with the ' Open negative' syndrome

The Mortality rate in patients discharged with open ' negative syndrome ' is excessive.

In 4 per cent the sputum became positive in patients discharged with ' open negative syndrome ' within three years

of the time the sputum had originally converted. The relapse rate was 10 per cent in patients with thick walled cavities

as compared with 1.6 per cent in patients with thin walled cavities.

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