

# Genital ulcers in Kenya. Clinical and laboratory study.

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## **Abstract:**

Of 97 patients with genital ulcers attending a special treatment clinic in Nairobi, Kenya, 60 harboured *Haemophilus ducreyi*, four herpes simplex virus, and five *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. Eleven patients had serological evidence of syphilis; of these one case was confirmed by darkfield microscopy. In the remaining cases no aetiological agent was identified. An enriched chocolate agar with vancomycin and serum was a useful medium for primary isolation of *H. ducreyi*. Tetracycline was generally ineffective in the treatment of ulcers, but sulfadimidine was successful in almost 80% of cases.