Cryptosporidium outbreaks

Dear Editor,

I read with considerable interest the article titled “*Cryptosporidium* outbreaks associated with swimming” by Lam et al. (2014) in a recent issue of EHR. Unfortunately the authors missed three detailed reports regarding the first *Cryptosporidium* outbreak in a swimming pool in Canada. These reports were printed in consecutive issues of the EHR in the Spring and Summer of 1993 (Meeds 1993a, 1993b) and the third was published in the September–October 1993 issue of the Canadian Journal of Public Health (Bell et al. 1993). Because all matters cannot be outlined in detail in regulations, the importance of operating procedures including immediate clean-up procedures are essential for all pools open to the public. The information contained in the EHR Summer 1993 report titled “Cleanup of a Community Swimming Pool after a *Cryptosporidium* Outbreak” (Meeds 1993b) contained detailed recommendations for remediation of faecal accidents. It’s unfortunate the authors limited their review period to a start date of 2000 as I believe their article and the readers could have benefitted from this information and recommendations developed by Ms. Darlene Meeds, CPHI(C), as well the as conclusions from the other two reports.

Now that issues of the CJPH are available back to 1928 and issues of the EHR are available back to the first issue in 1932 I hope in future authors and researchers will take the time to

review the considerable amount of historical information now available concerning public health and environmental health matters.

Best regards, Tim

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