

# Mumps Vaccine Developed By Co.

Long-suffering mankind got a shot in the arm this week. The drug manufacturing house of Merck Sharp & Dohme announced the marketing of a new vaccine, first of its kind, which will provide immunization against mumps, a disease that has been with man since his childhood.

In earlier years shrugged off as merely another hurdle in growing up, and talked down on a par with measles and chicken pox, man, and especially the adult male fearing infertility, has in more recent times placed the disease in his serious category of illnesses with a wide range of potential after effects.

The latter includes post-infectious encephalitis (brain damage), oophoritis (inflammation of the ovaries), pancreatitis, myelitis, myocarditis, facial neuritis, arthritis, hepatitis, and deafness. ESPECIALLY A MILD DISEASE, the incident of serious complications, however, is reflected, for example, in the occurrence of unilateral orchitis in about 20 to 30 per cent of post-pueral males, odds too high for the adult male not to be concerned.

Although to be used in immunization of children over the age of one, the new vaccine provides particular protection for the adolescent and adult.

Named "Mumpsax" by its manufacturer and creator, it has proven highly effective in pre-release clinical studies, proving itself 98 per cent of the time in prior field studies involving over 10,000 patients.

IT MAY HERALD, also, the breakthrough in a future vaccine for German measles, especially sought for protection of pregnant women, according to Detroit Deputy Health Commissioner Dr. Edward F. Crippen who took part in the field tests of the mumps vaccine. The health officer advised, however, that the mumps vaccine from Merck Sharp & Dohme may at first be in short supply with the expected overwhelming demand. Family physicians should be consulted, regardless, he said.

Price-wise, the new vaccine will replace a highly expensive one formerly available at around \$25 a shot. The price of Mumpsax will probably be slightly higher than present shots and measles immunizations until supply catches up with demand and market costs drop accordingly.

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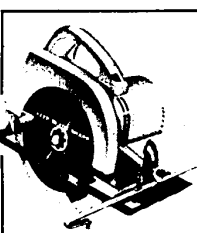
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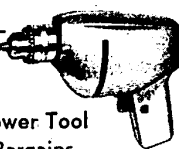
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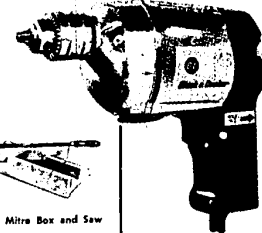
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