

## Familial seroepidemiology of toxocariasis Seroepidemiología familiar de la toxocariasis.

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With the objective of defining the intrafamilial distribution pattern of the infection and illness caused by *Toxocara* sp., 78 infected families (356 people) were studied for 30 months. At the same time 28 families free of infection were studied, as a control group (97 people). The socioeconomic level was analyzed according to a modified Graffar index. Contact with canine and feline pets, and antecedents of geophagia and onichophagia were found to be risk factors which would facilitate the infection. The average of persons infected, diagnosed by ELISA *Toxocara* test, was 2.8 per family. The importance of familiar distribution of the infection and its primary prevention is strongly stressed.