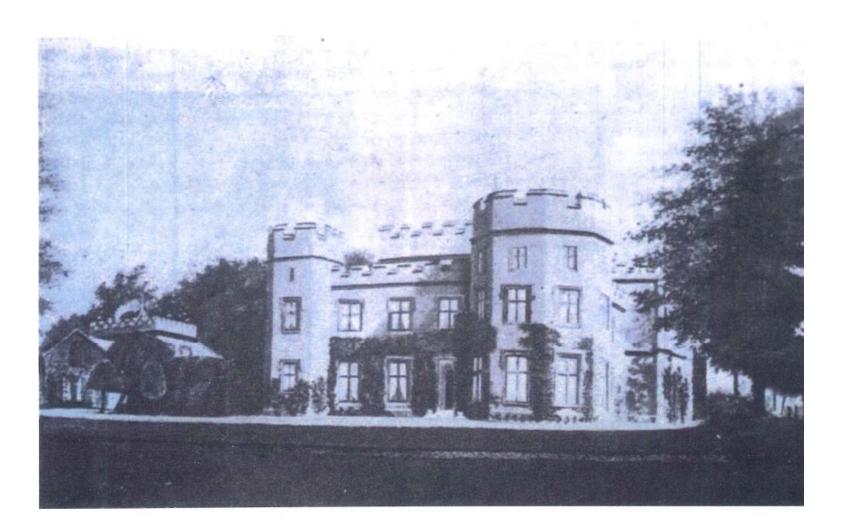
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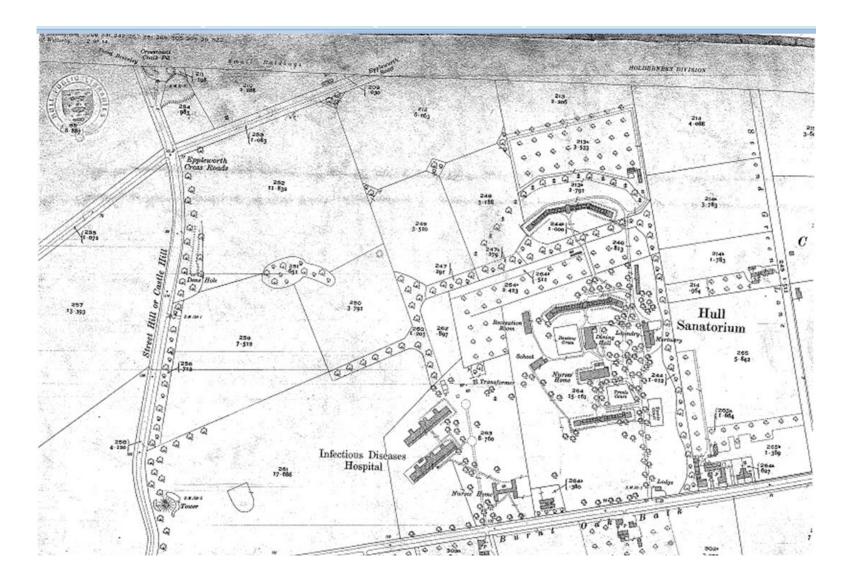


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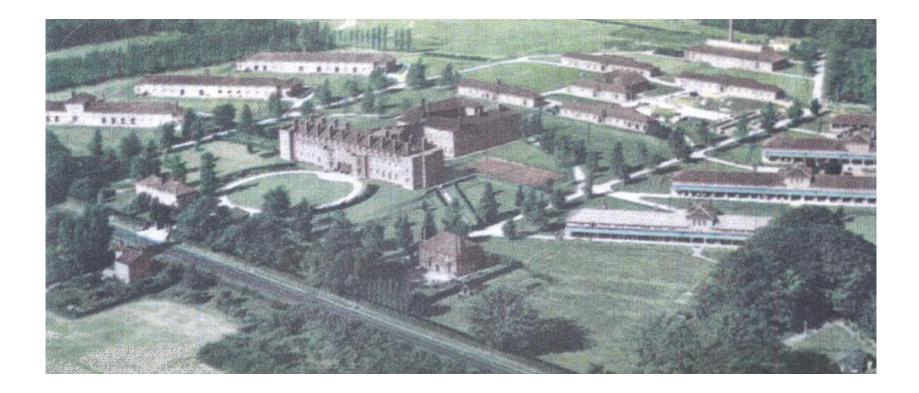


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Open-air therapy





Pavilion Ward (3)



"The Smallpox unit"



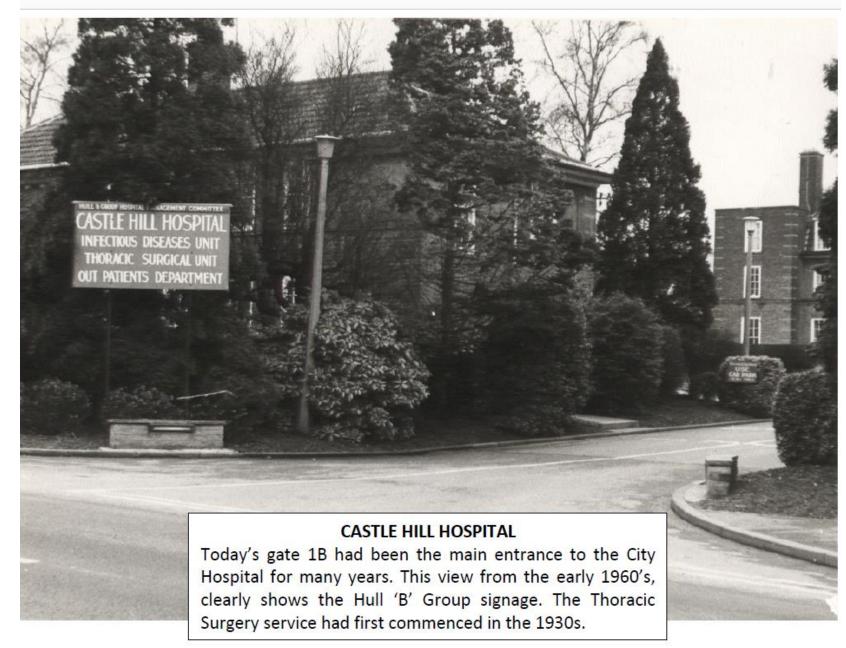
Former ward – now Facilities



CASTLE HILL HOSPITAL 1980

This view shows all the original ward blocks before the major developments which commenced in the late 1980s. To the top right can also he have the De La Pole Hospital.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mycobacterium malmoense and carcinoma of lung

We were interested to read the recent case report of Dr Yoganathan et al (February 1994; 49: 179-80) describing a case of M malmoense infection in an HIV positive patient. The presentation of their case mimicked a bronchial neoplasm, as can be seen with standard M tuberculosis infection.

We have recently seen a 72 year old patient, a heavy smoker, who presented with progressive exertional dyspnoea. A chest radiograph showed a large mass at the left hilum with distal cavitating consolidation. At fibreoptic bronchoscopy narrowing of the left upper lobe bronchus was seen, thought to be due to extrabronchial glandular compression. Bronchial brushings and bronchial washings revealed malignant cells (adenocarcinoma). Staining with auramine-phenol of the second and third sputum samples showed acid fast bacilli, and mycobacterial culture of the sputum resulted in the isolation of M malmoense. The poor general condition of the patient precluded surgical resection but she was treated with antituberculosis drugs according to the sensitivity pattern. She tolerated this treatment poorly and, as her condition deteriorated, it was thought inappropriate to continue active treatment. She still survives seven months after initial presentation. There were no HIV risk factors and her HIV status has not been checked.

A search of the literature has revealed two previous similar cases.¹ As with standard (M*tuberculosis*) infection it would appear that, not only may M malmoense infection mimic a bronchial neoplasm, but on occasion it can coexist with a bronchial neoplasm.

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An outbreak of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis in a London teaching hospital

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Abstract

We describe the epidemiology and control of a hospital outbreak of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB). A human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-negative patient with drug-sensitive tuberculosis developed MDR-TB during a period of unsupervised therapy. She was admitted to an isolation room in a ward with HIV-positive patients, but the room, unbeknown to hospital staff, was at positive-pressure relative to the main ward. Seven HIV-positive contacts developed MDR-TB. The diagnosis in the second patient was delayed, partly because acid-fast bacilli in his sputum were assumed to be Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare. All the available Mycobacterium tuberculosis isolates were indistinguishable by molecular typing. Nearly 1400 staff and patient contacts were offered screening, but the screening programme detected only one of the cases. Despite therapy, the index patient and two of the contacts died. HIV-positive patients are more likely than others to develop tuberculosis after exposure, and the disease may progress more rapidly. In these patients the possibility that acid-fast bacilli may represent M. tuberculosis must always be considered. Patients with tuberculosis (suspected or proven) should not be nursed in the same wards as immunosuppressed patients, and should be isolated. MDR-TB cases must be isolated in negative-pressure rooms. Hospital siderooms may be positive-pressure as a fire safety measure; infection control teams must be aware of the airflows in all isolation rooms, and must be consulted during the design of hospital buildings. Good communication between infection control teams and clinicians is important, and all medical and nursing staff must be aware of the principles of management of patients with proven or suspected tuberculosis and MDR-TB.

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Tuberculosis, multidrug resistant tuberculosis, drug resistance, cross-infection, infection control, HIV, airflow, isolation, supervised therapy, contact tracing, typing

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