

Blames Flimsy Modern Dress For Increase in Tuberculosis

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MILWAUKEE, Aug. 7.—Scantiness in modern woman's dress is partly responsible for the tuberculosis problem, according to Dr. Hoye E. Dearholt, who reported today that for the first time in the history of the Wisconsin Tuberculosis Association all of the State's twenty sanatoria are filled with patients, with long waiting lists at many of them.

Girls between 15 and 25, striving for a boyish figure and wearing scanty clothing, have lowered their resistance to a point where they are easy prey of the disease, Dr. Dearholt said.

"I believe we can cut down tuberculosis among young women if we push dress reform," he declared. "There is a point in the race for scanty clothing at which a girl must stop lest the body be chilled too much and weakened."