

IMMUNOLOGICAL STUDIES IN COELIAC DISEASE

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SUMMARY

CHAPTER I: THE HISTORY OF COELIAC DISEASE

Since Gee's first description of the entity which he termed the coeliac affection, a welter of terms has been used for coeliac disease: non-tropical sprue, coeliac sprue, coeliac syndrome, idiopathic steatorrhoea, idiopathic sprue and gluten enteropathy.

In early times, diagnosis was difficult and mortality high. Dicke's observations implicating gluten had profound effects both on the development of new knowledge and on the mortality of coeliac disease.