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Welcoming Address

On behalf of the International Health Foundation I welcome you to this workshop on ‘Estrogens in the Post-Menopause’. I am pleased that so many excellent investigators have been able to accept the invitation to participate in what I hope will be a fruitful meeting on the post-menopause and its problems - problems which, grouped together, may be regarded as a deficiency syndrome related to the regression of ovarian function.

The choice of participants enables multi-disciplinary discussions on this topic; there will be psycho-sociological observations, and reports on morphological and clinical studies on ovarian function, as well as clinical evaluations of the effect of treatment. The post-menopause is emerging more and more as a subject for study by the physician, the clinical chemist, the gerontologist, the public health people, the pharmaceutical industry, sociologists, clinicians and experimental pathologists. The results of studies are gradually becoming known to the public, particularly to the prospective ‘clients’, ageing women. Women are beginning to ask for treatment, and, according to the British Medical Journal of September 28, 1974, ‘Probably they, rather than doctors, will determine whether estrogen replacement comes into vogue’. I trust that this meeting will help the medical profession to determine whether or not this trend is justified.

Professor David de Wied

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