

Cancer Cases Slowed Down By Cortisone

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A medical treatment which gives prostatic cancer patients a little longer time to live without having to undergo "last resort" surgery was reported Friday by a University of California urologist.

The treatment, which consists of large doses of cortisone, inactivates the adrenal glands. This in turn prevents the adrenals from producing hormones which the cancer needs for vigorous growth. There is one other way to do this — removal of the adrenals by surgery. But the operation is a risky one with a relatively high death rate, said Dr. Frank Hinman Jr., who devised the chemical alternative.

Prolongs Lives
Dr. Hinman told science writers that the medical procedure had prolonged the lives of eight out of ten patients for an average of 82 days. In six of the eight patients there was some shrinkage of the cancer.

By comparison, Dr. Hinman said adrenal surgery on groups of patients in three tests elsewhere had prolonged life even more but they had to undergo the risk of the operation, in one of these groups only 20 of 26 patients survived the operation, he said.

In all of Dr. Hinman's patients the cancer-stricken men had been castrated and then treated with a female sex hormone to counteract adrenal production of the male sex hormone which promotes the malignant growth.

Female Hormone
The cortisone treatment is useful only after castration and female hormone administration. Even when it fails, surgical removal of the adrenals offers the possibility of still further extension of life, Dr. Hinman said.

A method of detecting cancer in the thyroid gland by precise measurement of the amount of a hormone excreted in urine was reported by Dr. Peter Forsham, of the university's metabolic unit.

This is done by doing a patient with ACTH, the pituitary hormone. If the thyroid gland is non-cancerous, it will be stimulated and will increase its output of cortical hormones, which can be detected in the urine. A cancerous thyroid cannot be stimulated by ACTH, Dr. Forsham said.

To Determine Disease
The test thus can be determined the difference between thyroid cancer and thyroid enlargement or benign thyroid tumor, Dr. Forsham added. This may be used to tell at early stage whether a patient with an abnormal thyroid should have an operation or should seek medical treatment.

The same test also might be adapted to suspicious abnormalities in other glands such as the ovaries and the male sex glands, Dr. Forsham said.

The science writers are touring research centers under the sponsorship of the American Cancer Society.

Walt Disney Enters TV

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Walt Disney entered television Friday. The creator of the movies' Mickey Mouse signed an exclusive agreement Broadcasting Co. to produce annually at least 26 hour-long TV programs. They will be filmed at the Disney Studios in Burbank under his personal supervision.

They will be presented on the ABC-TV network beginning in October and will continue weekly thereafter, ABC announced.

The Disney format will involve an entirely new concept in television programming. Present plans call for the use of both live-action and cartoon techniques in a series of programs based on variety, adventure, romance and comedy.

SILVERTON HOME SOLD
SILVERTON — Fred Allumbaugh has bought the Elvin Olsen home and acreage on Hobart Road and will move there from his Church Street home this week. The Allumbaughs have four children. Allumbaugh is employed in Salem and commutes daily. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen, former owners of the place, moved to Albany three weeks ago.

Health Talk

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Health Talk ????

Someone said, "How does it happen that little column is entitled 'Health Talk' and it only mentions 'disease'?" A good question. People do not think of health in terms of sound teeth, pink cheeks, pep, and a full life but rather in terms of symptoms, hard luck, sorrow, and so on. At any party or gathering of people the subject of conversation most often turns to pain, operations, discomfort, lack, and treatments. Perhaps this way of thinking stems from the large number of people today who are on their feet and going but are only half well most of the time. No matter what the cause of this way of thinking it is not good, because negative thinking brings only negative action. Be positive in action and think in terms of plenty, peace, rest, tranquility, and health. Remember, Building Health is Better Than Fighting Disease. When needed, Natural Methods of Treatments is positive too.

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