

I have talked to my colleagues and some believe they have on occasions seen good results, but I would feel in many of these cases another antibiotic would have done just as well. They resorted to Chloromycetin before I would have used it.

The statistics offered by Parke, Davis for many years of one death to 400,000 users were challenged time and time again by reputable men. We challenged them away back in 1952. In my little area of 15,000 people north of Glendale, north of Pasadena, and north of Los Angeles, when this happened to my son, we had four cases within a radius of 4 miles, four cases.

Now, you can magnify that over the whole United States. And they say one case in 400,000.

But the company aware of the discrepancy continued to advertise this ratio, because no one or no organization had the power to force them to be truthful and accurate. Now these odds have been reduced to what we estimated 12 years ago, and if the truth were known and these little victims were not signed out as leukemia or other similar blood diseases, then this ratio percentage of odds would be much further reduced.

This drug poisons in some degree every person who uses it. There is absolutely no way to prevent or to foretell where and when it will kill. The UCLA scientist said that. Everyone who uses this drug is poisoned in some way. Most of them recover. There is absolutely no way to prevent or to foretell when and where it will hit you. I mean this idea of a blood count every day does not mean very much. It might pick up some cases. But most of these cases have been recorded after they had the blood count, after they were out of the hospital when they first showed evidence, like my son did, weeks later.

Since most aplastic anemia cases die of brain hemorrhage can we not believe that many of the young and middle-age people who suddenly have a brain hemorrhage may have at one time been treated with Chloromycetin.

It is unbelievable that this drug has been allowed outside of hospital use for the past 15 to 16 years. Personally, I have little or no faith in its value over penicillin, tetracyclines, and erythromycins.

The abuses of this drug dates back to the time doctors were erroneously told as was I, that Chloromycetin was the only absolutely safe antibiotic. Parke, Davis deliberately lied to me at the time I was given the drug. Now all these years later, although doctors have been warned by advertising in medical journals, by lectures, by newspapers, by magazine articles, even by radio and television—still my profession continues to use Chloromycetin indiscriminately.

In my own small community of approximately 16,000 people, the drug is being prescribed. A few years ago, some really good friends and former patients called me in sheer desperation because their daughter whom I had cared for as a small child had been, without her parents' knowledge, given Chloromycetin for acne while attending the University of California at Santa Barbara. She was dying of aplastic anemia at the UCLA Medical Center and the family thought I might know, because of my interest in this drug, of some successful treatment. They could not believe that 10 years after our own tragic loss that they so well remembered that practicing doctors were still prescribing the