

for the death of a child. In our own case the money is being used as a memorial for the benefit of children.

Since the Kefauver hearings Parke, Davis & Co. have added warnings by package inserts of the potential dangers with the administration of Chloromycetin. It was some time before these warnings were printed in fairly bold type which is easily readable to the medical profession.

I call to your attention the Food and Drug Administration directive for adequate blood tests during the entire administration of chloramphenicol which, incidentally, can be carried out properly only in hospitals. Chloromycetin is still produced, as far as I know, from dichloroacetic acid, a known poison containing the nitrobenzene ring.

You will find on inquiry that Chloromycetin is not produced in the same manner as other antibiotics. The manufacturer has stated "in its chemical nature, chloromycetin is unrelated to any other antibiotic"—this is so; it is a synthetic drug produced from a toxic chemical.

In my own mind, I don't classify it as an antibiotic, it is a synthetic toxic chemical.

I think most of you are familiar with the antibiotics, and how they are produced. They are really produced from mold or other bacteria. And they have the ability to inhibit the growth of other micro-organisms that cause infection.

Dr. Watkins compared Chloromycetin to carbolic acid. Well, this is a synthetic drug. And it is produced from dichloroacetic acid, which is a known poison.

I submit here an excerpt from my brief on Chloromycetin which was prepared for our attorneys in 1953.

(The material referred to follows:)

A long list of diseases are given by Parke, Davis & Co. in which Chloromycetin is indicated clinically. Among these are:

- Bacterial Pneumonia
- Boutonneuse Fever
- Enteric Fever and Dysentery
- Epididymitis
- Gonococcus Infection
- Granuloma Inguinale
- Hemophilus Influenzae Infection
- Herpes Zoster
- Infectious Mononucleosis
- Laryngotracheobronchitis
- Lymphogranuloma Venereum
- Measles
- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Primary Atypical Pneumonia
- Prostatitis
- Psittacosis
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Scrub Typhus
- Surgical Infections
- Syphilis
- Trachoma
- Tularemia
- Typhoid Fever
- Ulcerative Colitis
- Undulant Fever
- Urinary Tract Infections
- Typhus Fever