

will be subjected for the rest of his professional career.

The Task Force has noted that some medical schools have responded to such a deficiency by establishing courses in clinical pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics. In these courses dealing with the practical aspects of drug prescribing, emphasis is generally placed on such subjects as the design of comparative clinical drug trials, and the techniques of statistical analysis. Also included in some courses is the evaluation of drug advertising and promotional material, and the importance of drug costs.

Many who participate in these and related programs have received a major part of their training in the Section of Clinical Pharmacology in the National Heart Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

The Task Force recommends that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare should provide expanded support to medical schools, enabling them to include a course in clinical pharmacology as an integral part of the medical curriculum.