

TABLE 7.—RETROSPECTIVE STUDY OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF RHEUMATIC SYMPTOMS TO THE USE OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES (OC) IN 86 PATIENTS

45 PATIENTS USING OC AT TIME OF INITIAL SURVEY, SYMPTOMS PRECEDED OC USE (22)

	Symptom change while using OC			Total
	Increase	Equal	Decrease	
Rheumatoid arthritis.....	5	2	1	8
SLE.....	0	1	1	2
Arthralgia-myalgia.....	3	2	0	5
Synovitis.....	0	2	0	2
Miscellaneous.....	1	3	1	5
Total.....	9	10	3	22

SYMPTOMS BEGAN DURING OC USE (23)

	Symptom change after stopping OC			Continued OC	Total
	Increase	Equal	Decrease		
Rheumatoid arthritis.....	0	4	3	3	10
SLE.....	0	0	1	1	2
Arthralgia-myalgia.....	0	1	3	1	5
Synovitis.....	0	0	1	3	4
Miscellaneous.....	0	0	0	2	2
Total.....	0	5	8	10	23

41 PATIENTS USED OC AT SOME TIME PRIOR TO SURVEY, SYMPTOMS PRECEDED USE OF OC (20)

	Temporal relationship symptoms (Sx) to OC use							Total
	Sx change with use			Sx change after stopping			None ¹	
	Increase	Equal	Decrease	Increase	Equal	Decrease		
Rheumatoid arthritis.....	1	6	0	0	6	1	1	8
SLE.....	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
Arthralgia-myalgia.....	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	5
Miscellaneous.....	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	5
Total.....	5	12	0	0	13	4	3	21

SYMPTOMS FOLLOWED OC USE (21)

	Temporal relationship symptoms (Sx) to OC use					Total
	Sx change after stopping			None ¹	No infor- mation	
	Increase	Equal	Decrease			
Rheumatoid arthritis.....	0	4	1	2	1	8
SLE.....	0	0	1	0	0	1
Arthralgia-myalgia.....	0	2	1	4	1	8
Synovitis.....	0	0	1	1	1	3
Miscellaneous.....	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total.....	0	6	4	8	3	21

¹ No relationship, i.e., OC used and stopped more than 30 days preceding development of symptoms.

Senator McINTYRE. The next witness is Dr. Edmond Kassouf, a practicing physician from New Jersey.

We are delighted to welcome you here. Please proceed in any manner you would like. Anything you can do in the way of paraphrasing or summarizing, we would appreciate it, but I want you to feel that the committee will hear you out.