

Dr. KANE. The latest is 1969.

Senator NELSON. 1967, 1968, and 1969. This bibliography pretty well covers the published literature?

Dr. KANE. That is right.

Senator NELSON. So in fact, the scope of the study is pretty well limited?

Dr. KANE. Very modest, very modest.

There are many women who pay a certain price for their infertility and know it. They realize they feel somewhat less well than they did before and may be more irritable and tired, but feel that this price is not too much to pay for avoiding another pregnancy. We do not know at the present time whether continued use of medication in this situation has ultimate deleterious effects. We also do not know what the long term effects of these drugs are, and in this respect the situation is much like it is for the evaluation of cancer. It will be some time before we know whether women who use these medications for years at a time run any greater risk of psychosis than those who use other methods of birth control, even though these may be somewhat less effective. It is only by large-scale epidemiologic studies that these data can be generated.

(The attachment to Dr. Kane's statement follows:)

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