

(The information follows:)

Thromboembolic diseases requiring hospitalization, 42 per 100,000; 3,570 cases:

Depression (16 percent)-----	1, 360, 000
Libido loss (16 percent)-----	1, 360, 000
Vaginitis (15 percent)-----	1, 275, 000
Chemical diabetes (13 percent)-----	1, 105, 000
Absolute sterility (1.5 percent)-----	127, 500
Partial sterility (15 percent)-----	1, 275, 000

The following are based on an estimate of 1 case per 2,000 users:

Migraine-----	4, 250
Liver disease-----	4, 250
Uterine cervical pathology-----	4, 250
Hypertension-----	4, 250
Hypercholesteremia-----	4, 250
Lupus erythematosus-----	4, 250
Erythema nodosum-----	4, 250
Ureteral dilatation-----	4, 250
Hearing difficulties-----	4, 250
Vision difficulties-----	4, 250
Hypertrophic gingivitis-----	4, 250
Herpes gestationis-----	4, 250
Hair loss-----	4, 250

Dr. RATNER. Without running through all of these conditions and these diseases—

Mr. DUFFY. Let me interrupt you for a moment. You use the word "disease" here. Disease to me seems to be a pretty strong word and I am just curious why you would consider weight change to be a disease.

Dr. RATNER. You realize that obesity is one of our major problems in this country.

Mr. DUFFY. Weight changes is a bit different, in my mind. If a person simply gains 5 or 10 pounds, is that a disease?

Dr. RATNER. The optimum weight for a human being relating to—

Mr. DUFFY. Let us move on.

Dr. RATNER (continuing). Extension of life is ten pounds under the standard figures. Our No. 1 disease in this country is obesity, because with it comes malfunctioning of organs, and any time you put on 3 extra pounds, which consists of whatever it consists of as long as it is not muscle tissue and things like that, you are beginning to introduce a health hazard.

Mr. DUFFY. What characterizes a disease? When is a headache a disease? I have a headache right now; is that a disease caused by those bright TV lights we had this morning.

Dr. RATNER. Of course, it produces dysfunctions. You are not functioning as well when you have a headache.

Mr. DUFFY. I still have very great difficulty in accepting these as diseases.

Dr. RATNER. You may have a difficulty with a few of them but you do not have difficulties with migraine and liver disease and you do not have difficulty with uterine cervical pathology, you do not have difficulty with hypertension, you do not have difficulty with hypercholesteremia, you do not have difficulty with lupus erythematosus, you do not have difficulty with erythema nodosum—