

IN submitting this report on the oral contraceptives the Advisory Committee on Obstetrics and Gynecology wishes to express its appreciation to the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and to his staff for their helpful and ever ready cooperation in arranging its meetings, submission of data, and preparation of reference material. The Committee is deeply indebted to the drug industry for the preparation of a thorough survey of the literature on the oral contraceptives and for ready submission of their own data. It is grateful also for the cooperation that made possible a survey visit to each of the drug firms concerned and an "on site" appraisal of their respective procedures. By such cooperative efforts alone can the public be made fully aware of the status of these compounds now so widely employed.

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