

Q. Well, Doctor, talking about the dose response or whether or not this medication is dose-related, women on even the one-milligram pill are still getting nausea?

A. The nausea is pretty much at the Placebo level * * *.

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Q. In other words, if there is a kinking, if the uterus tips, and in so tipping backwards, the retroversion, it twists (indicating) and kinks the ligament that carries the vein, then there will be obstruction and diminished blood-flow in that vessel.

Now, Doctor, over what period of time have you worked with Enovid?

A. I have worked with Enovid since 1957.

Q. Up to the present time?

A. Up until the present, yes.

Q. And have you received literature from the Searle Company regarding Enovid?

A. Yes; I have.

Q. Insofar as that literature is concerned that you have received from the Searle Company, how does it compare with the knowledge that you have acquired from other sources?

A. Essentially the same.

Q. When you prescribe Enovid, do you have to write a prescription for it?

A. Yes.

Q. For your patients?

A. Yes.

Q. What do you tell them about Enovid when you prescribe it?

A. Well, my routine is—and I hope I may be able to give my routine—

Q. Surely.

A. (Continuing)—is to take a thorough history, to do a complete pelvic examination, a complete physical examination, including a pelvic examination, and then have the patient come back to my office, and if I feel that she should take an oral contraceptive agent, I then describe to her the method of taking the pill, and I also describe to her the most common side effects that she might experience.

In addition to this, I will usually give her one of the prepared booklets that all of the pharmaceutical houses have in order to have her better understand exactly what is going on in the physiology, in her basic physiology.

I like my patients to know what is going on and how the drug that she is taking is effective in preventing pregnancy.

Q. Now then, you are familiar with the package inserts that come with the pill?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. To what extent do you go over the information with your patients?

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A. I don't relate the package insert to the patient. The package insert is related to me.

Q. Let me ask you this.

When you give Enovid to your patients in the manner which you have prescribed, do you discuss with them the reports that appear in this Searle literature?

Mr. SINGER. Your Honor, I'm going to object unless this question goes to what this doctor told his patients up 'til September 18, 1965.

Mr. PANKOW. That's agreeable with me.

The COURT. I think it should be so limited.

By Mr. PANKOW (continuing):

Q. Doctor, my question is directed only to the period of time of September 18, 1965, and before that time.

A. Yes.

Q. Your routine.

A. Yes.

Q. Did you tell your patients about the reports that appeared in the Searle literature in the package insert regarding the occurrence of thromboembolic phenomena on takers of Enovid?