

tetracycline HCL and the rest of the tetracyclines. Now, the DSA paid 90 cents for tetracycline and the Public Health Service paid \$8.63 for oxytetracycline. Would you explain this, please.

Dr. STEINFELD. I cannot explain it.

Mr. GORDON. And then also——

Dr. STEINFELD. Mr. Brands says he can.

Mr. BRANDS. Did you say the Defense Supply Service Center had the other price?

Mr. GORDON. Ninety cents for tetracycline hydrochloride in hundreds.

Mr. BRANDS. And we paid \$8.63 for oxytetracycline.

Mr. GORDON. And since they are just as good, why pay the high price?

Mr. BRANDS. I am sorry. I cannot explain that. This is one of those things that gets by, I think.

Senator NELSON. Well, would that not suggest the same problem we are talking about?

Mr. BRANDS. Yes, sir.

Senator NELSON. That doctors want oxytetracycline.

Mr. GORDON. Now, there is another one, demethylchlortetracycline for which you paid \$13.79 as compared to 90 cents for tetracycline paid by the Defense Supply Agency. There is quite a difference, wouldn't you say?

Senator NELSON. Same problem.

Dr. STEINFELD. Yes.

Mr. GORDON. And we have the same problem with dexamethasone for which you paid \$58.35 a thousand, when prednisone is as good as any other corticosteroid, according to the Medical Letter. The Defense Supply Agency bought prednisone at \$4.45 a thousand.

Senator NELSON. We will print those in the record.

(The charts, above-referred to, follow:)

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PRICE COMPARISON WITH VA AND DSA

Product	DSA	VA	PHS
Meprobamate (400 mg 500's).....	¹ \$1.67	² \$36.25	\$2.84
Oxytetracycline (250 mg. 100's).....	3.96	7.90	8.63
Peritrate (20 mg. 1,000).....	⁴ 18.10	18.10	9.98
Peritrate (10 mg. 1,000).....		³ 9.44	2.60
Phenobarbital (30 mg. 1,000).....	⁵ 1.40		.46 (\$0.33 for 25)
Serax (15 mg. 500).....		13.48	14.38
Dexamethosone (500 mg. 1,000).....			58.35
Demethylchlortetracycline (Declomycin) (500 mg. 100's).....	10.99		13.79

¹ Foreign purchase from Syntetic.

² Purchase price was \$7.25 per 100.

³ Purchase price was \$4.72 per 500.

⁴ Purchase price was \$9.05 per 500.

⁵ Purchase price was \$0.14 per 100.