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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRENDS IN THE DEMAND FOR BLOOD PRODUCTS

STANDING MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 11 APRIL 1978

- 7.1 Members were invited to comment on the Report of a Working Group, the main conclusions of which were that over the next 5 to 10 years the demand for Factor VIII was likely to double and the demand for albumin solutions to increase fourfold.
- 7.2 Members confirmed that these were likely to be reliable estimates of future need and supported planning to increase supply accordingly.

You will be interested in the above extract taken from the minutes of the recent meeting of the Standing Medical Advisory Council.

While it was accepted that the estimates in the report of the 'Trends' Working Group were a good basis on which to plan NHS production, they were probably somewhat low for Factor VIII. Increasingly major orthopaedic surgery was undertaken to replace or mobilise damaged joints. Large amounts of Factor VIII were required to control bleeding before, during and after each operation: the estimate for Factor VIII was therefore low.

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