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You will remember that Dr Peter Jones in a letter to Dr Sackwood dated 2 July 1975 drew the latter's attention to a possible change of heart of haematologists with haemophiliacs in their care, to the use of commercially produced AHG concentrate (freeze-dried human factor VIII) in preference to cryoprecipitate (deep frozen factor VIII prepared by the NBS). We felt a considerable swing back to using cryoprecipitate might jeopardise the NHS programme to produce considerably more AHG concentrate and reduce the production of cryoprecipitate over the next few years.

I believe Dr Jones' view is extreme and not shared by a significant number of ~~the~~ haemophilia centre directors. I attended the National meeting of these directors in Glasgow on September 18th and there was no other vocal support although several confirmed that there were quite a few outbreaks of hepatitis B (serum hepatitis) associated with the use of one firm's AHG Concentrate.

I think therefore no Departmental reaction is called for. Dr Jones tends to take the somewhat extreme view but in this instance with no significant change in practice. He will I am sure still call on his Health Authority for funds for the commercial product.

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