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cleghorn interview

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plasmapheresis no more dangerous than taking whole blood. replace red cells in few hours and protein in 2 days. only need one egg to replace. edware give beef sandwich. international limit 1 litre per session. most take only 500 ml. usual to bleed twice a week. risk of returning wrong blood. happened once at edware. not fatal. edware panel of 500 donors all voluntary. started 1967.

visited abbott plasmapheresis plant in mission street, san francisco. junkies everywhere and not allowed in. when returned after identifying self all cleaned up and no junkies. baxter plant in los angeles much better. baxter much more ethical firm than abbott. grand jury re abbott on one product. very aggressive, corrupt marketing of ria test.

chicago said to be worst area for plasmapheresis operations. lower standards. variety of baits offered to donors

figures for donors in uk 1 in 400 on new donors and 1 in 14,000 on old donors. in new york just reached level at which uk started improving as risk too great. new york rate down to 1 in 1000 old donors. reason quality and source of donors. general incidence in us not that higher probably than uk. lowest incidence in northern europe, us and canada.

craske found 58 cases of hepatitis by time of churchill meet in june. 14 HB. most HA. some HC.

baxter reacted violently to craske because came from low level. not josephson. travenol arranged meet at churchill june 10 to discuss what craske and dane had found. present cleghorn, dane, craske, ingrams (st. thomas's), jones (newcastle), stern (poole) rogers (bts tooting). also man from france. present aaron josephson of hyland plus managing director of travenol and one other director. dane wanted hyland to change wording in hemphil leaflet re "unknown" risk. josephson agreed. in us hyland marketing opposed unless all others do. hyland not done tho josephson threatened to resign.

hyland admitted that plasma for initial supplies of hemophil for uk came from puerto rico. first off shelf. much higher incidence there than in mainland us. hyland say that from nov. only plasma collected from mainland us and tested by ria on individual donations will be used. this much safer than plasma maycock to use as he has stock of plasma tested only by electrophoresis. involve risk of 1 in 4 of the 1 in 400 new donors getting thru.

three generations of tests. electrophoresis first. get 100 in 140. then turkey cell test catch extra 1 in 3. ria get another 1 in 10. obviously some virus still escape but may be too weak to infect.

was always risk with factor 8. ability to detect HB only found in 1972. case of testing catching up. from next year at least on hemophil will be safer than ever if hyland doing what say.

immuno told dane and craske that they were testing and ~~min~~ monitoring all donors not true. not know where get blood from. suggestion may be getting from india.

not know where abbott draw blood. dubious due to background.

plasma clearing house in salzburg. drug companies buy from there for reagents and other pharmaceutical but not human uses. evidence that private plasmapheresis firms operating in india and east africa. shapiro of joburg told helsinki meet of contract being signed or offered to east african governments for blood deals. miami operator set up plant taking blood from indos and sending to europe. shut up. who closing up this type of operation. still lot of frozen plasma flying about.

craske close to producing his paper on national figures.

believes the peak of epidemic has now been reached and will now decline as products especially from us safer.

hyland at least prepared to admit problems as know of the facts and believe have now cured so good publicity. information already out via lancet. craske increase knowledge. attitude of companies different than a year ago.

ministry attitude that doctors should have been aware of the risk and therefore no need to withdraw licence. to withdraw would have hit haemophiliacs. problem was too liberal use of factor 8. after epidemic started ministry view that all those involved in using factor 8 aware so no need for further action especially as problem would resolve itself. ministry not want to publicise.

maycock reason for bts not producing factor 8 at first and for not producing eno now. amateur in commercial situation. sufficient plasma. edgware producing via plasmapheresis for maycock. rest from bts. glasgow plasmapheresis plant set up under john wallace. different process. maycock failed to see demand for factor 8. when realised asked for too little cash too late. result was need to import. factor discovered after judith poole discovered cyro in 1968.

when dick rosenfeld started using donors at mt. sinai found 1 in 3 had HB.

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HB mainly passed on by sex.also associated with background and poverty.high proportion in prisons.some evidence that either HB on increase due to greater promiscuity or that new type of Hep.Prince therefore talks of HC.

Aaron Kellner runs NY community blood centre.only volunteer donors.unable to get volunteers for plasmapheresis.also hal allen.

annual meet of american association of blood banks starts nov.9.cleghorn arrive chicago for meet nov.6 thru 13.will be lot of talk re Hep.red cross there.20/25 doctors from uk plus others from europe.israel,india,australia and africa.

Liberton hospital facility for producing factor 8.scottish version of elstree.
run by watt.boss of edinburgh bts john cash.