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March 20, 1956

WASHINGTON STATE HEART ASSOCIATION

Seattle 1, Washington

Gentlemen:

I am preparing a paper on heart disease. I am interested in knowing if there are available statistics or any information regarding the following questions:

1. Is there any evidence indicating that functional heart disease tends to develop into developmental organic heart disease?
2. What criteria are generally considered to be the basis for a diagnosis of functional heart disease? (i.e. what symptoms and/or physical findings.)
3. What is present day status regarding the incidence of heart disease as related to persons of the various habitus (hypersthenic, asthenic, pyknic, etc.?)
4. Is there a relationship known or suspected to exist between persons who have functional and/or developmental organic heart disease and those who manifest a more than average pattern of cervical upper thoracic postural slumping?
5. Is there any statistical evidence available showing a relationship existing between functional and/or developmental organic heart disease and the occurrence of other disturbances in the same patients in the same dermatomes or neurological areas as those of the nerves which give origin to the cardio-plexus?
6. Is there evidence that patients with heart disease "tend" to develop disease, degeneration or disability in the areas of the cardio segmental distribution?
7. Have there been any statistics kept on the incidence between functional and/or developmental organic disease and the occurrence of faulty or inefficient cervical upper thoracic postural patterns?

Your attention to my request is sincerely appreciated. I shall be eagerly awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,

RSK:ph

Richard S. Koch, D.O.

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