

Groundless Fears Most Frequent Complication Of Hysterectomy

NEW YORK (WMNS) — Groundless fears are perhaps the most frequent complication of hysterectomy, the operation for removal of the womb that many thousands of women undergo every year. This is what Dr. Arthur V. Greeley, Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Cornell University Medical College here told Women's Medical News Service.

Among the most common fears, Dr. Greeley said, are that women will lose their femininity, will

age rapidly, will become less attractive to their husbands, will lose their pleasure in marital relations. All these fears are based on misunderstanding of precisely what a hysterectomy is, the physician noted.

He explained that removal of the womb or uterus is usually indicated because fibroid tumors, tough muscular growths, develop in the organ. These can cause discomfort when they press against the bladder or the rectum as well as excessive bleeding.

Contrary to what most women believe, these fibroids do not lead to cancer. If they cause no discomfort, Dr. Greeley said, they can remain in the uterus for years with no complications. As a matter of fact, he observed, because removal of the whole uterus includes removal of its neck, the cervix, a possible site of cancer is removed as a result of the operation.

In women of child-bearing years, the uterus need not be removed because of fibroids, the gynecologist explained. Instead, only the fibroids themselves can be removed by means of an operation called a myomectomy. Myomectomies can be performed several times if necessary.

Since the uterus does not produce any hormones, its removal will have no effect on the femininity of a woman. "Following a hysterectomy, a woman will look just as bright-eyed as she ever did," the professor observed. "Her figure will remain as shapely, her skin as unwrinkled, her hair as lustrous, her voice as feminine. Her sexual interest will remain as it was before the operation."

Contrary to the widely held myth, removal of the uterus does

not cause premature menopause. Menopausal symptoms, the physician explained, are caused in large measure because of the diminished production of certain hormones. These hormones are not produced by the uterus so its removal has nothing to do with menopause.

When a husband learns that his wife may need a hysterectomy he may be as full of misapprehensions and fears as his wife, Dr. Greeley said. Therefore it is essential that he be briefed as fully as his spouse. This will not only provide his wife with sensitive understanding and support, but will also relieve his own anxieties.

If a woman understands all the facts about hysterectomy, and still resists having the operation, Dr. Greeley believes she should not be pressured into having it.

"If a patient of mine remains anxious and uneasy about the operation, I will not perform it," Dr. Greeley emphasized. "I can give her medication for relief of most of her discomfort. Excessive and erratic bleeding can be controlled in a variety of ways. Usually, hysterectomy is not an urgent procedure. It should ac-

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ually be performed only when no other treatment is possible.

"In a very real sense, a woman can make the decision whether or not to have the operation. In my experience if the procedure is chosen by her the emotional strain afterward is apt to be far less."

The physician cautioned that sometimes a doctor finds a condition that makes a hysterectomy mandatory. In such cases his recommendation should be accepted.

Nazarenes Set Assembly Meet

Delegates from Nazarene churches in this state and area will share in a rare denominational event at the 17th quadrennial General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene at Kansas City, Mo., June 13-21. For the first time in church history, three of the six Nazarene General Superintendents, who comprise the supreme governing body in the church, will retire on account of age. Delegates will elect their successors.

The closest comparable situation in Nazarene church history was 20 years ago, in 1948, when two of the four men in office were new.

General Superintendent is the highest elective office in the Nazarene church. It corresponds to bishop in some denominations. The three clergymen retiring in June will have a total of 62 years of service in the office. They are: Dr. Hardy C. Powers, Dallas, Texas; Dr. G. B. Williamson and Dr. Hugh C. Benner, both of Kansas City, Mo.

The three other incumbent General Superintendents will be candidates for re-election to four-year terms.

There will be a total of 680 official voting delegates at the Assembly, about half ministers and half laymen. They will represent 76 church districts in the U. S., Canada, Britain and 47 other world areas.

Bliss Named Foote Officer


Phila., Pa. — Directors of Foote Mineral Company (Exton, Pa.), in session today following the firm's Annual Meeting of Shareholders, elected president L. G. Bliss as Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Bliss succeeds G. L. Weissenburger who served as Chief Executive Officer since Sept. 1, 1967 when Vanadium Corporation of America was merged into Foote Mineral Company. Mr. Weissenburger continues as Chairman of the Board.

Prior to the merger of Foote and VCA, Mr. Bliss was Chairman of the Board and President of Foote. Mr. Weissenburger served the VCA organization in a corresponding capacity.

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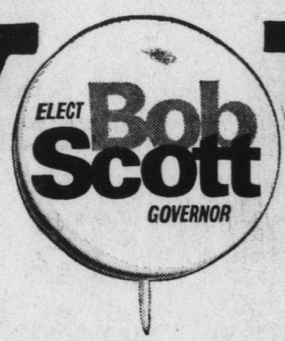


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