

Address  
by  
The Honorable John E. Fogarty  
Member of Congress

"Report to the Nation"  
on  
Ten Years of Progress in  
Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases

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It has been with great personal pride that I have listened to the reports of progress given here this afternoon. As Chairman of the subcommittee on appropriations all through the life of this Institute, I have watched with particular interest the growth of its many activities. I have become acutely aware of the problems which face us in the Institute's many areas of responsibility.

Some of the speakers on the program have appeared before me on numerous occasions, and reported on the situation in their respective fields. Dr. McEwen has told me about the magnitude of the arthritis problem in the United States. Dr. Ingelfinger has informed me about some of the recent developments in gastroenterology. I see Dr. Barboraka in the audience; he, too, has made me aware of the great importance of research in this medical area.

In view of the progress which has been made from year to year in the Institute's fields, in view of the need for further development and the opportunities for great advances, I and my committee have been willing to generously support all the activities of this Institute. I think what we have heard this afternoon clearly shows that this support has been greatly justified.

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We live in an age of statistics, and hear so many of them that they have begun to lose their meaning. But let us never forget that behind all these statistics are people, human beings, their families and their friends.

For example, I know that the wife of a good friend of mine in Rhode Island has been suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for some years. She has actually been a patient here in the Clinical Center. Although she is not yet cured, which is the end we all hope for, she is greatly improved. And she is loud in her praise of this Institute and the work being done by its scientists and grantees.

As legislators we join with you wholeheartedly in your work, and pledge that we shall continue to do everything in our power to see it receives the interest and support it so richly deserves.

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