54th BARTON POPE LECTURE

Monday 12 October, 2015 at 7.30pm

“The Cinderella of the Menopause Ball – The Politics of Hormones”

The treatment of hormonal problems meshes well with the practice of psychiatry but with the disadvantage that mental health professionals may not understand or prescribe hormones and the hormonal prescriber being naive to matters psychological. This leads to errors being made on either side when to ‘get it right first time’ is essential to achieving a good outcome. The opportunity for effective hormonal treatment has expanded in recent years with the torrent of research now available. This research addresses not only mental well being but also the extensive advantages in long term physical outcomes; this will include some speculation about the reduction in death from fractured hip, reduction in suicide risk and a reduction in breast cancer incidence in the second half of life. This happy expectation is sullied by widespread misunderstandings not only by the lay public but also medical professionals who are free to make unwise critical statements when they should know better, given their lack of familiarity with the field; this sadness is being further bedevilled by journalistic errors. The problems are compounded by bureaucratic ineptitude and the lack of drug company support. This leaves the dancers at the Menopause Ball seriously out of step. Dr Jones hopes to employ her hormonal metronome to restore harmony to the field. She will concentrate on the use of testosterone in both sexes being, as it is, the Cinderella of the Ball but knowing full well that she got to marry Prince Charming.

Guest Speaker: Dr Rosemary A Jones

Dr Rosemary A Jones is a Gynaecologist with some 50 years in practice of which 30 years has been spent in concentrating on the problems of the older woman. Her specialised areas of interest are menopause, laparoscopic surgery, treatment of premenstrual tension syndrome and most relevantly the problems of gender dysphoria both surgical and hormonal. She manages The Clinic which is dedicated to the health needs of woman approaching and past the age of menopause.

Adelaide Town Hall, Meeting Hall, King William Street, via Prince Alfred Lane or walkthrough from Pirie Street, Adelaide

Supper provided. There is NO FEE to attend this lecture.

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