

KURT A. OSTER, M.D.
881 LAFAYETTE BLVD.
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT 06603
333-7865

JUL 22 1974

July 18, 1974

*ignore + file
in correspondence.*

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
University of Minnesota
Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene
School of Public Health
Stadium Gate 27
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Doctor Blackburn:

A belated thanks for your note and for your extensive reprints and the book, "CARDIOVASCULAR SURVEY METHODS."

I agree with you that we all need a little education about the medical methodology which I think I properly attack -- epidemiology. I enjoyed especially your Chapter 1 "Progress in the Epidemiology and Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease. Just as a comment to your paragraph on "The Pragmatic Attitude," Webster's NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY* defines pragmatic as follows:

1. of or pertaining to the affairs of a community or state.
2. busy, especially in an objectionable way; officious; meddling.
3. stiff in one's opinion; conceited; opiniated; dogmatic.
4. practical; matter of fact; pragmatism.
5. dealing with events to show their interconnection.

I think some mixtures of definitions 2 and 3 have crept into your thinking.

Cordially yours,

Kurt A. Oster
Kurt A. Oster, M.D.

KAO:elv

P. S. I would like to receive a reprint of Doctors Keys, Grand, and Anderson, "Bias and Misrepresentation Revisited-- 'Perspective' on Saturated Fat," AMER. J. CLIN. NUTR. 1974. I shall send you in return a reprint of my forthcoming article in AMERICAN LABORATORY on a new test proving that bovine xanthine oxidase is absorbed.

* Second Edition Unabridged