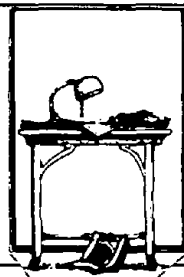

EDITOR'S NOTE



Food for Thought

Food and nutrition fads come and go, but there are a few signs that the study of the therapeutic value of certain ingredients in foods may be on the threshold of new respectability. *Time* (9/2/91) included a review of the possible prophylactic use of components of celery, broccoli, grapefruit, flaxseed, soybeans, and garlic for certain diseases. In typical *Time* prose, the reader was urged to "[t]ake another look in the pantry: it might be a drugstore."

For years, the primary retail source of vitamin supplements was the drugstore. In recent years, however, the drugstore has lost significant ground to other outlets (can you imagine a mall without a vitamin/nutrition store?). The loss of patronage is certainly the result of a number of factors, but one of these is certainly a failure to promote nutritional products because of lack of professional knowledge about them.

Now that nutrition support pharmacy is a recognized specialty practice, perhaps we can turn some attention to the nutrition education provided to the general practice pharmacist. We would be interested in receiving manuscripts addressing this subject.

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