



UCLA Programs in Medical Classics

History of Recent Advances in Therapeutics

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UCLA Programs in Medical Classics is a series of presentations designed to enhance an appreciation of the links among famous medical writings, clinical practice, basic research, and humanistic scholarship. Six times a year these meetings bring together a convivial group of individuals of scholarly tastes—both from the community and from UCLA faculty, students, and staff—for a lecture and an opportunity to discuss and examine texts and topics that embody the history of medicine, as well as the relations of medicine to broader cultural settings.

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Tuesday, 8 March 2005, 6:00 p.m.
UCLA Faculty Center

The Life and Times of Hormone Replacement Therapy: Medicine, Gender, and Aging in America

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Introduction by Janet Pregler, M.D.

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Medical and pharmaceutical interventions in the health of older women have been based on the reductionist premise that female aging is determined by the ovaries’ decreased production of estrogen. The uses of estrogen have changed over time—not only because of scientific and clinical developments, but with prevailing cultural conceptions of aging, the roles of men and women in society, and the status of science and medicine. Dr. Watkins’ work investigates the roles of the multiple actors engaged in these social and medical constructions, as they negotiated the blurred boundaries between normal and pathologized aging.

This is the second of four lectures in the **History of Recent Advances in Therapeutics** series, which is co-sponsored by the [UCLA Center for Society and Genetics](#).

CME credit is available for this series: <http://www.medsch.ucla.edu/cme/>

An optional dinner with the speakers, at \$22.00 per person, will take place in the Faculty Center about 7:30 pm. An advance reservation is required for dinner; please call the History & Special Collections Division of the Louise Darling Biomedical Library at **(310) 825-6940** by Thursday, March 3, to make a reservation.

An abridged form of a classic text related to the evening’s lecture will be distributed by snailmail to those persons who request it in advance. To request this *related* text (*the lecture itself is not recorded or transcribed*; the related text is William H. Masters (1955) “Rationale of sex steroid replacement in the ‘neutral gender’,” *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* 3: 389-395) or more information, please send Teresa Johnson <tgj@library.ucla.edu> an e-mail, including your name and address, with the words “**Medical Classics Program: March 2005 Reading**” in the subject line; or call the History & Special Collections Division at (310) 825-6940.