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**L-Dopa**

*Editor's Note:*

In the last issue* I referred to L-dopa as another hallucinogen. This being the case, it would be unwise to give it to schizophrenic patients either for research or as a treatment. Recently I received a letter from an unhappy father who wrote, "My son, age 19, developed schizophrenia in September, 1968. He made steady improvement until we took him to a hospital in Boston for a few laboratory tests.

"While there the chief of the service gave him large doses of L-dopa. My son got much worse and developed symptoms he had never had before."

Schizophrenia is a contraindication for L-dopa. Several reports have already appeared in the medical press describing its toxic properties for these cases. It seems in fact to be more dangerous than LSD for patients suffering from schizophrenia.

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