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SUBJECT: 1973 FY VA Report
For VA - Jacques Sherman

Ongoing projects:

- (a) Evaluation of narcotic antagonists,
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- (b) Collaborative study of LAAM - Methadone.
VA collaborative study, no additional
funds to date.

The studies make innovative treatments of opiate dependence, particularly substitution by methadone and levomethadyl; and narcotic antagonism using cyclazocine. Evaluations of treatment using pupillography, urinalysis, and intravenous heroin challenges have been introduced.

Project staff includes Donald Swanson, M.B.B.S., Alexander M. Don, M.B.B.S., and Julius Rubin, M.D. of the DDTC (64A), under the supervision of the principal investigator, Max Fink, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at SUNY - Stony Brook and V.A. consultant.

Dr. Fink has been appointed to the VA-SAODAP Collaborative LAAM-Methadone Study Coordinating Council; and elected President, American Psychopathological Association.

To date, no publications have been derived from this V.A. study program.

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