

F: lecturer

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Dr. Austin H. Kutscher  
630 West 168th Street  
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Dear Dr. Kutscher,

I thank you for your invitation to submit a manuscript on the use of analgesic drugs in the dying patient. I regret that I am so committed that I cannot take on this assignment.

Some years ago, at a meeting on narcotic analgesics in Aberdeen, Dr. Gareth Blane of Reckitt and Colman, Hull, England, described studies with a highly potent analgesic, etorphine, which seemed useful in patients with terminal cancer. You may find reference to his work in: Kosterlitz, H., Collier, H.O.J. and Villareal, J. (Eds.): Agonist and Antagonist Actions of Narcotic Analgesic Drugs, London, Macmillan, 1972.

If he has maintained his interest in the topic, he may wish to contribute to the symposium.

Sincerely yours,

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bcc: Dr. Gareth Blane