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# Arthritis Foundation Official Warns Public of Quackery

Quackery in arthritis will continue as long as no panacea exists for the affliction, the medical director of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation said Thursday night.

The public is susceptible to such quackery, said Dr. Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, because it relies too much on medical information from newspapers, radio, television and magazines, rather than consulting the medical profession.

The New York City physician spoke at a banquet in the Albany Hotel attended by 160 participants in a two-day course on management and rehabilitation of arthritics.

Sessions were sponsored by

the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, the Colorado Department of Rehabilitation and the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

"We believe quacks frequently are people of little education, misinformed and ill-advised," Dr. Lamont-Havers said, "and recently physicians, some of them well-meaning, have entered the field."

He attacked an article by a Canadian doctor in Look magazine as "irresponsible." The article described a "new, secret" remedy, which Dr. Lamont-Havers said was not new, not secret, nor a remedy.

Physicians also have been re-

sponsible for two current books that have been subjects of suits for false and misleading advertising, he said.

Other quackery in arthritis, he said, has taken the form of "immune milk," put out by dairies "at fantastic prices"; herbal tonics, mineral bath salts, various non-prescription drugs, and magnetic bracelets.

Soon to be on the market will be arthritis "cures" from Israel, he said—mud and salt from the Dead Sea.

Before his address, Dr. Lamont-Havers presented the Russell L. Cecil Arthritis and Rheumatism Award for Journalism to Morton Margolin of the Rocky Mountain News.