

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society
and the Iowa Women's Archives
invite you to hear:

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“THE MEDICALIZATION OF MENOPAUSE OVER THE PAST 100 YEARS”

Thursday, October 25, 2012, 5:30-6:30

Room 401, Univ. of Iowa Hardin Library for the Health Sciences

Does estrogen cause cancer?



No. In fact, there is now some evidence suggesting a LOWER incidence of cancer in women taking estrogen. Only in mice have estrogens been found to cause cancer, and then only when given in massive doses.

How did menopause change from being a natural and welcome end to a woman's childbearing years to a deficiency disease in need of medical and pharmacological intervention? Judith Houck traces the history of this transformation over the last 100 years, exploring how pharmacological options, cultural ideas and anxieties of the moment affected medical and popular understandings of menopause at any given time.

Upcoming Event: November 29, 2012, 5:30-6:30. Marquis Berrey, Classics, University of Iowa, "Performance and Power: Medical Attitudes Toward Technology in the Hellenistic Period"

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