Editor’s foreword

The papers printed in this supplement to the *Journal of Clinical Pathology* were presented at a symposium on ‘Fibrinolysis and its inhibition’ organised by the Royal College of Pathologists and held at the Royal College of Physicians, London, on 23 November 1979. The symposium’s objective was to review the scientific basis of fibrinolysis and to consider in what cases its inhibition may be of therapeutic value. Various papers discuss the current concept of fibrinolysis and others the chemical fibrinolytic inhibitors and their clinical applications. The latter are surprisingly diverse but seem now to be fairly well established.

The Royal College of Pathologists and its Academic Activities Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr AA Sharp, are to be congratulated for organising such a valuable symposium, and it is hoped that this record of its proceedings will be of help to pathologists, physicians, surgeons, and gynaecologists in their management of patients.

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