

Introductory Remarks – Prof. Georges Casimir

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Science and ethics have always followed parallel paths in progress, sometimes and even often they cross and support each other. Particularly since the exceptional period of enlightenment which preceded the French Revolution. In the field of cancer, the progress that has been made during the second half of the 20th century and the beginning of our century is considerable, and makes it possible to observe, both in children and adults, improvements, a survival, even a healing which were not imaginable just a few years ago. It is the impressive work and commitment of Professor Meunier in the service of patients which led to her powerfully motivating herself to ensure that patients do not pay a double penalty by not obtaining mortgage loans or essential insurance. their protection because they were marked without limit of time by illness. The definition of a time of healing is to be used for the benefit of our democracies and the empathy that our Hippocratic Oath enjoins us to be an integral part of our wonderful profession. May this symposium push other states to benefit from this legislation which honors those who have already adopted it.

As a pediatrician, I would like also consider other chronic or rare disease that could also beneficiate from an ending of discrimination as cystic fibrosis for example.

It was also the duty of the academies of medicine to report on the sociological and ethical problems that medicine and its progress make known to societies. Today is an exciting day »

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