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Talk to doctor about hormones

The therapy still may be appropriate for some women despite cancer risk, UW experts say.

By Tim Cigelske and Andy Hall
Wisconsin State Journal

Women and their doctors should discuss the latest warning about the potential danger of hormonal menopause therapy, but many patients' treatment programs likely will continue unchanged, UW-Madison health experts said Saturday.

"This is more bad news, but it's not necessarily where people should panic," said Ellen Hartenbach, director of gynecologic oncology at UW-Madison.

On Friday the U.N.'s cancer research agency announced that it is adding hormone pills to its list of

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SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT

New rules won't have impact here, UW says

That's because it has in-house oversight and has relatively few allegations of cheating.

By Ron Seely
Wisconsin State Journal

Research officials at the UW-Madison say they expect little impact here from new federal rules designed to better ferret out scientific misconduct because oversight at the university already meets and even surpasses federal requirements.

"We've been out in front of this for quite some time," said William Mellon, interim associate dean for research policy at the UW-Madison.

Mellon said UW-Madison has relatively few allegations of misconduct, about two per year. The university has investigated 11 charges since 1999 and three have resulted in disciplinary action. Another case has reached the formal hearing stage.

The new rules, from the Office of Research Integrity in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

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Smoking ban battle smoldering

Negative impact on bars stirs some concerns

By Sandy Cullen
Wisconsin State Journal

In the words of Madison City Council member Lauren Cnare, "It's the vampire of ordinances."

"It keeps coming back to life," Cnare said of the city's new smoking ban. "It's a really, really ugly issue."

With many Madison bars and bowling alleys feeling the sting of lost business, at least one City Council member has had a change of heart about his support for the ban.

"I now believe that the council was a bit overzealous," said Ald. Santiago Rosas.

Rosas, who represents the 17th District, voted for the ban, which went into effect July 1.

But after abstaining from a vote to repeal the law on July 5, Rosas said he would now join five other council members who voted to rescind the ban.

Ald. Judy Compton, 16th District, who was absent for the July 5 vote, also said she is "absolutely" in favor of repealing the law that bans smoking in all workplaces.

"This is a business decision that the government has no business getting involved in," Compton said, adding that people can choose whether they want to work or to patronize establishments that allow smoking.

Ald. Isadore Knox Jr., who

also abstained from the July 5 vote, said he would be willing to consider a compromise that protected workers' health as well as the rights of non-smokers, such as allowing specially ventilated areas for smoking, which employees did not have to enter.

Now, with possibly eight of the 11 votes needed to alter the law, a push is on to convince a few more council members to support repealing or changing one of Wisconsin's most restrictive smoking bans.

"I support the fact that it needs to be brought back for repeal," Compton said, adding, "I do think we'll see it in the

fall for sure."

Ald. Paul Skidmore, 9th District, who is opposed to the ban, also predicts that a serious effort to repeal it ban within two to four months.

Rosas said he believes council members did not fully understand the negative implications for business, especially bars and restaurants on the city's East Side.

Since the ban went into effect, Rosas said he has visited several bars in his district, as well as establishments in other parts of the city, and has seen the negative impact first-hand.

Knox said he planned to drop into bars along Regent

Street in his 13th District over the weekend to see how they are faring and talk with patrons.

Rosas said he believes more data need to be collected on how the ban is affecting businesses and what they will do if revenues continue to fall short.

Former council member Dorothy Borchardt, who has been surveying business owners, recently gave council members a list of about 40 establishments whose operators say business was down from 30 to 60 percent in the first two weeks of the ban compared to the same time last year.

Borchardt wasn't immediately available to describe her survey method, including how

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A MUSICAL STEW



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Strangers united by music, from left, Mark Peterson, James Brocksmith, Sheldon Bey, Chris Coyier and Dave Mayfield play bluegrass standards away from crowds Saturday on the last day of the second annual Sugar Maple Traditional Music Festival at Lake Farm County Park. Bottom left: Stan Johnson and daughter Harper, 3, inspect a 10-foot banjo made by children from wood, grapevines and T-shirt rags.



Above: Art Stevenson and wife Stephanie perform Saturday with the bluegrass band Art Stevenson & High Water at the music festival, which also featured Celtic, blues, polka, samba, Tex-Mex, American folk, Cajun, Appalachian and children's music. Next year's festival is scheduled for the last weekend in July.

JUST ASK US

Welcome to our feature aimed at answering questions about local people, places and events.

Does UW still have rifle, pistol teams?

Q In 1920-22 while attending UW-Madison, world-famous aviator Charles Lindbergh was the best marksman on the university rifle team that won the 1921 national collegiate championship. Does UW-Madison still have an intercollegiate rifle team? Are rifle and pistol shooting still recognized intercollegiate sports?

A UW-Madison does indeed still have rifle and pistol teams, but they aren't run as intercollegiate sports. The teams are, and have always been, under the auspices of the ROTC program.

Lucky Lindy, who attended the university for three semesters of mechanical engineering before dropping out, was on both the rifle and pistol teams as a field artillery cadet, according to the 1923 Badger yearbook. There are no records of a university championship in the UW documents system.

Although Wisconsin doesn't have an intercollegiate team, many other schools do. Men's and women's rifle shooting are NCAA sports, and though they aren't as popular as football or basketball, there are still plenty of competitors. For a local school with an intercollegiate rifle team, look to UW-Oshkosh, which has the only OSHA-approved rifle range in Wisconsin. Other schools with rifle teams include the University of Mississippi, the University of Kentucky, the University