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Long-term hormone implant therapy – effects on lipoproteins and steroid levels in post-menopausal **women**

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Abstract. Lipoprotein and steroid hormone levels were measured in 61 bilaterally oophorectomised **women** who had been treated for 3 years with implants containing either oestradiol alone or oestradiol plus **testosterone**. The lipoprotein levels associated with each of the two therapy regimens were compared. In addition, lipoproteins were measured in 67 untreated bilaterally oophorectomised age-matched **women** and compared with those of the treated **women**. Despite the high oestradiol levels produced by both types of implant, the only significant finding was a reduced LDL cholesterol in the oestrogen/**testosterone** treated group as compared with that of the untreated group.

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