

Report on Orgone Energy Accumulators in the U. S. A.*

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In giving this report, I would like to start with the orgone energy accumulator production over the past 9 years. We had 3 accumulators made in October 1941 for use in the laboratory at Forest Hills. Besides the workers in the laboratory, the accumulators were used by experimental patients who were coming to the laboratory and used the accumulators there. In 1942 some of the close co-workers expressed a desire for accumulators in their homes and 6 more accumulators were constructed, mainly for this purpose. During 1943 a number of experimental patients preferred to have the accumulators at their homes to avoid the daily journey back and forth to the laboratory, and it was decided to construct more accumulators. In 1943 the number constructed and ordered amounted to 20 accumulators. These were 1-fold accumulators which were built in Oquossoc, Maine, first by Mr. Templeton and later by his daughter in their workshop. The accumulators were at that time given only to people who were in close contact with the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories. They signed an affidavit which is substantially the same as we still require it now, and they started to pay the \$10 monthly rental. In the following 2 years during 1944 and 1945 only 21 new accumulators were ordered, which brings the total accumulators in our possession in 1945 to 50 accumulators.

Through experimentation at the laboratory, it was found that an increase in layers of the accumulator will bring about an increase of the orgone energy concentration although not proportionally. We, therefore, equipped

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most of these 50 accumulators with additional layers which were added to the outside of the accumulator, thus bringing them up to 2-fold by adding these layers. Then in 1946 the demand for accumulators began to increase suddenly. Fifty-six new accumulators were ordered in 1946, bringing the total up to 106. These 56 accumulators were constructed as 2-fold accumulators with the middle layer consisting of a solid sheet of metal. The organic material used at that time was already rock wool or glass fiber. In the fall of 1946, we discovered that the use of steel wool for the 2nd layer rather than solid metal enhances the strength of the accumulator, and beginning with accumulator No. 98, all accumulators were now constructed with an inner layer of steel wool and rock wool. In 1947 the new orders amounted to 65, bringing the total up to 171. In 1948, the total number of accumulators ordered reached 91, bringing the total to 262.

During 1948, we decided to build 3-fold accumulators for general use and to have special 5-fold accumulators for cases which were under strict medical supervision, where a strong orgonotic effect was desired. Sixteen 5-fold accumulators were constructed and are being used wherever indicated. In 1948 the construction of accumulators was shifted from Maine to New York where a small carpentry firm in Forest Hills took over the building. In 1949 and the beginning of 1950, 100 more accumulators were ordered and built and the construction was shifted back to Maine where the firm of S. A. Collins & Son took over manufacturing. At the present time, we have 322 accumulators in use in the U. S. Twenty-seven of these accumulators are given out free of charge, 11 accumulators built by private people for their own use, and 20 accumulators are used at a reduced rate. All of these accumulators are still given out on an experimental basis. Every user has to sign an affidavit to that effect, and each affidavit has to be signed and the diagnosis filled in by either the treating medical orgonist or, in cases where the patient is geographically too far removed, the affidavit has to be accompanied by a statement on the physical status of the patient by his own physician. In the New York area, persons who are not in treatment but would like to use the orgone accumulator are now being referred to the Orgone Energy Clinic before giving them an accumulator. Here I would like to add that we are, naturally, willing to let anybody in need of the use of an accumulator benefit from it; however, it has become increasingly frequent that people have asked for an accumulator without wanting to pay for it. We have, therefore, made it a principle in each such case to get a written statement

from the attending physician as to the absolute medical necessity of the use of the accumulator in that case and a detailed explanation of the financial situation to find out whether the reduced rate or accumulator free of charge is indicated. The fact that up till now, through the courtesy of Drs. Oscar and Simeon Tropp, the use of an accumulator free of charge was available to such patients and that in the future the use of accumulators at the Orgone Energy Clinic will be available to such persons will help to reduce this practice.

Most of the first 50 accumulators have been exchanged by this time for stronger ones. The material is being used over as far as possible in the building of new ones. Over the past 9 years, it can be safely assumed that more than a thousand people have been using the accumulator more or less regularly over periods ranging from 3 months to 9 years, since in most cases family members and friends have availed themselves of the use of the accumulator, together with the original signer of the affidavit. The average use is approximately 1 year 9 months.

I would like to mention how widely known the orgone energy accumulator has become recently. We know the role which the accumulator plays in all the slander stories. It has recently come to our attention that in a current novel the accumulator is mentioned as the "sexone box" and last winter a social and educational group in Greenwich Village announced a lecture and demonstration of the orgone accumulator. They called on us to provide an accumulator and lecturer, which was refused because of the clearly non-scientific character of that organization. They insisted that they would be able to provide an accumulator anyhow; whereupon, we immediately had our lawyer intervene and threaten them with removal of the accumulator through police interference if they showed it against our wishes. We learned that they not only did not show the accumulator or mention any word about orgonomy, but they also hastily had a new announcement of their lecture made, leaving out any mention of Reich, his work, and the accumulator. Almost the same experience was had with a pseudo-scientific radio program.

The income from the accumulators has risen in accordance with the rise in the demand from \$4,594 in 1946 to \$23,000 in 1950. The cost of the accumulators altogether from the beginning until now is \$20,400. I would like to stress at this point the fact that neither Wilhelm Reich nor any of the other physicians connected with the work on the orgone accumulators has earned any money in connection with that work. The income from the accumulators

was never sufficient to cover the expenses of the research work. The medical use of the orgone accumulators has been donated by Reich to the Wilhelm Reich Foundation and is worth approximately \$25,000 a year.

Let me first say that the following figures about the income and the expenses of the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories are taken from the financial report ending with the fiscal year May 31, 1950. There is, therefore, a slight difference in the figures between those cited by Dr. Baker for the income from the Orgone Institute Diagnostic Clinic (*cf.* p. 41, this *Bulletin*) and my figures since they do not include the entire month of June. The expenses for the research work, the laboratories, maintenance of Orgonon, and the Forest Hills Laboratory, including the salaries, have likewise risen from \$9,000 in 1946 to \$21,800 in 1950. The income of the corporation during the period 1946 to 1950, aside from the income derived from the accumulators came from the following sources: Wilhelm Reich contributed \$29,214 toward the expenses apart from loans. He had also spent \$110,565.39 for the work in the course of 15 years. The professional co-workers, including the regular contribution from the American Association for Medical Orgonomy, contributed \$19,466.10. General contributions and donations amounted to \$6,898.30. When, in 1948, it was decided to construct the Orgone Energy Observatory, a special construction fund was set up and many of the co-workers donated money for this specific purpose. The construction fund was also the recipient of consultation fees which Reich designated for this specific purpose; other physicians did the same with certain of their consultation fees or monies received for blood tests and examinations. Money from the A. S. Neill lecture in 1948 likewise went into the construction fund which, by the end of the fiscal year May 31, 1950, amounted to \$23,947.30. In 1950, there was a net income from the Orgonomic Infant Research Center for fees of \$1839, and clinical consultations at the Orgone Institute Diagnostic Clinic brought in \$696. The assets of the corporation before depreciation included the following:

Orgonon, Laboratory and Observatory	\$75,255.99
Orgone energy accumulators	20,389.13
Apparatus and equipment	4,976.10
Office equipment and furniture	281.17
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Total	\$100,902.39

This does not include the laboratory equipment which Wilhelm Reich brought to the U.S.A. in 1939 and which is worth about \$20,000.00.

The liabilities of the corporation include the following:

Loans payable	\$13,286.79
Accounts payable	3,949.99
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Total	\$17,236.78

At the present time Wilhelm Reich holds the title for most of the land and the Orgone Energy Observatory in trust for the Wilhelm Reich Foundation, and these assets will gradually be transferred to the Foundation. At the present time 19 acres of land, plus approximately 3½ acres of land on which the Students' Laboratory is standing have been transferred to the Foundation, together with the following other assets and liabilities:

Liabilities transferred:

Loans payable	\$12,370.12
Accounts payable	3,519.87
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Total	\$15,889.99

Assets transferred:

Students' Laboratory with adjacent buildings	\$16,940.44
Depreciation as of May 31, 1950	2,473.98
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Full value as of June 1, 1950	\$14,466.50
Apparatus, located in the Students' Laboratory	\$1,059.54
(Includes full laboratory equipment, lathe, vacuum cleaner, etc.)	
Depreciation as of May 31, 1950	296.67
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Full value as of June 1, 1950	762.87
Accumulators	\$20,389.13
Depreciation as of May 31, 1950	4,756.66
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Full value as of June 1, 1950	15,632.47
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Total assets transferred	\$30,861.84

The Orgone Research Fund is still in existence as a subsidiary of The Wilhelm Reich Foundation and is paying all of the overhead expenses while The Wilhelm Reich Foundation directly pays expenditures in connection

with the capital assets such as apparatus, construction, etc. Our overhead, according to last year's financial report, was approximately \$21,000, which was distributed as follows (figures are approximations):

Salaries and wages	\$10,500
Maintenance of Orgonon	\$2,200
Laboratory expenses	\$1,400

Great expenses in our work, especially with the high rates of electricity in Maine, are the items light, heat, and telephone, which last year amounted to over \$2,500.

Hospital Project last year	\$857
Legal and accounting expenses	\$1,000
Insurance	\$675
Real estate taxes	\$870
Maintenance of laboratory in Forest Hills	\$500
Stationery, travel, postage, etc.	\$1,000

We hope that through the planned sale of the accumulators this overhead will be amply covered and that those research centers which are already functioning will be able to cover their own expenses, thus relieving Wilhelm Reich from his annual loans and contributions.

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CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION OF A CORPORATION, UNDER CHAPTER FIFTY
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The name of said corporation is The Wilhelm Reich Foundation.

The purposes of said corporation are

1. To conduct research and teaching in cosmic orgone energy (orgone physics, orgone biophysics), and natural science generally, its medical, technical, other and all future applications;
2. To establish, operate and maintain laboratories and observatories for scientific purposes;
3. To establish, operate and maintain clinics and hospitals for organomic medical research and medical orgone therapy;
4. To establish, operate and maintain educational institutions;
5. To establish, operate and maintain bioenergetic research in agriculture;
6. To acquire and preserve the instruments, library and archives of Wilhelm Reich;
7. To preserve the discoveries of Wilhelm Reich and secure them for posterity by the establishment of institutions of learning, maintenance of museums or otherwise;
8. To publish any material concerning the discoveries and work of Wilhelm Reich; and all future work of the corporation based on these discoveries;
9. To hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for its purposes, to raise funds for said purposes, and to receive real and personal property by gift, devise or bequest, and to give and dedicate such property to public agencies and purposes, and to mortgage or pledge the assets of the corporation in order to carry on the work and purposes of the corporation, and generally, without limitation of the foregoing and in extension thereof,

to do all such acts and things as may be necessary to promote the purposes of this corporation;

10. To conduct its affairs so that no part of the net income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual, and no member, officer, or employee of the corporation shall receive, or be lawfully entitled to receive, any pecuniary profit of any kind therefrom, except reasonable compensation for services in effecting one or more of its purposes or as a proper beneficiary of its eleemosynary purposes.

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The Anti-Nuclear Radiation Effect of Cosmic Orgone Energy

September 6, 1950

To the Board of Trustees
of the Wilhelm Reich Foundation
Orgonon, Rangeley, Me.

Gentlemen:

I am referring to the discussion we had at the last annual meeting on August 30, 1950, concerning the responsibility involved in conveying the importance of our knowledge about the medical effects of orgone energy in case of a renewed strenuous war effort. It is, especially, the great danger of damage by nuclear radiation which constitutes the main worry in the United States. It has been known to me and some of our physicians for a long time that orgone energy counteracts nuclear radiation. I would like to summarize the hope which is entailed in the medical efficiency of the orgone energy in the following points which are especially concerned with possible application against nuclear radiation effects:

1. *Blood System.* It is to be expected that a bio-energetically strongly charged organism will resist the damage inflicted by nuclear radiation much better than a bio-energetically weak organism. The bio-energetic strength of an organism is, according to observations over a period of about 15 years now, especially reflected in the behavior of the blood system, particularly the red blood cell system. It has been established beyond any doubt that by means of the orgone energy accumulator, the blood system can be charged bio-energetically to a very high degree. Thus, the bio-energetic strength and resistance of the organism are heightened. Many physicians working with orgone energy have found invariably that such chronic conditions as chills, colds and so-called low resistance are alleviated if orgone energy is applied over long periods of time and regularly. Thus, understandably, also the disposition to pneumonia could be reduced. I omit here more details which can be submitted at any time.

2. *Tissues.* It has been established that orgone energy as applied by the orgone accumulator has a strong vagotonic effect, i.e., that blood supply and turgor of the tissues are greatly increased. From well-known medical principles it follows that well-charged tissues and organs will resist damage to a much greater extent than weak tissues.

3. *Wound Healing.* One of the most important effects of orgone energy application is a quick and nearly perfect healing of even severe wounds and burns by means of direct irradiation of the damaged region. For instance, severe damage due to 2nd and 3rd degree burns is alleviated, and the worst effects are prevented if the severely burned region is irradiated with orgone energy immediately after the accident occurs. Blisters do not occur and the pain is reduced after a few minutes. Wounds due to cuts are healed quickly and cleanly. Old resilient ulcers are healed under the influence of direct orgone energy radiation by means of an acute inflammation which sets in in the degenerating region and replaces dead tissue by new granulating tissue. This may suffice to indicate the direction in wound healing.

4. *Alleviation of Pain.* Orgone energy, if applied directly to an aching region, has the effect of at least greatly reducing acute pain. These effects have been studied in such cases as acute pain in cancer, rheumatism, migraine, neuritis, cuts, and similar conditions. It is therefore to be expected that immediate application of direct orgone energy irradiation would greatly help to alleviate pains in cases of severe wounds due to shells, bullets, fractures, etc.

5. *Shock.* It has been established that due to the strongly vagotonic effect of orgone energy, shock reactions are at least diminished, and recovery is speeded up by total irradiation of the organism with orgone energy, since shock is mainly due to a sudden severe sympatheticotonic contraction of the organism.

The above-mentioned points are far from giving a complete picture. However, they may suffice to indicate what tremendous benefits could be derived from a general application of orgone energy in cases of emergencies such as atomic warfare, epidemics, etc. Last, but not least, I would like to mention a point which, at present, is no more than a prospect, but a very helpful one. Lack of appropriate financial means has hitherto made it impossible to pursue the following line of research:

Nuclear radiation, for instance radium, is changed under the influence of concentrated orgone energy. The kind and the extent of such change is still

very obscure. However, it can be conscientiously stated that these effects of orgone energy upon nuclear radiation could be elaborated in a short time with the appropriate means. Here it may suffice to state that orgone energy represents cosmic energy *BEFORE MATTER*, in contradistinction to nuclear radiation which is radiation *after matter* as handled by the Atomic Energy Project. It is understandable why I restrict the communication concerning this point to a mere indication.

Would you be kind enough to transmit this communication to the appropriate authorities of the Atomic Energy Commission. I felt it my duty in these trying times to press toward awakening not only interest but also medical conscience regarding these matters in the responsible military and government circles. It would not take much money to elaborate the above-mentioned effects to the satisfaction of medicine and for the safety of our country. I would therefore appreciate it highly if you were kind enough to exert your influence and your position to carry these suggestions to their full realization.

Most sincerely yours,

for The Wilhelm Reich Foundation

WILHELM REICH, M.D.

President.

Rules to Follow in Basic Research

1. Your microscope should be as good as the car you dream of possessing.
2. When you start looking into a microscope or doing some experiment you are asking *nature* certain questions; therefore look and listen only to what *nature* has to tell you, and not what the head of your bacteriological department expects you to see. Forget for awhile what you have learned in school. It may be wrong. After having carefully looked and listened, then compare what you have seen with what you have learned.
3. Don't try to be smart and clever. Be *humble!*
4. Do not try being a scientific worker when you are afraid of what your neighbor might say to what you have seen. Forget your neighbor for awhile.
5. Do not try to "control" experiments. Understand them first, then perform them faithfully according to their exact description. Never alter an experimental setup before having understood it and having become capable of handling it well. Later on any change will be only fruitful, but not at the start.

6. Trust your senses fully if you are sure of yourself. But control the results of your sense impressions by devices which are independent of your senses. First rely on your *feeling* heat at the orgone energy accumulator's inner walls. Then use a *thermometer* to confirm the feeling.

7. Never try to develop ideas about something you have never seen.

8. Judge any thing or process from the standpoint of *its own* existence and functioning. Never try to judge an airplane by what you know about a pressure cooker. And don't forget: A steam locomotive is much more than a wheelbarrow. You won't believe it, but it is true that some "authorities" try to judge an alive earth bion from what they know about a Gram-stained staphylococcus, or to judge the cosmic orgone energy from what they know about "static," instead of the other way around.

9. If you learn of a new basic function in nature be ready to revise your well set ideas.

10. Do not try to hide your mistakes, speak about them frankly, and be proud of knowing your mistakes. Do not try to be perfect. Your mistakes are your most reliable signposts on your road.

11. In research it is of paramount importance to know exactly what you do *not* know.

12. An "authority" is the one who *k*nows what he is dealing with, and not the one who never has learned what he thinks he already knows. A bacteriologist is no authority on bions unless he has diligently studied bions, and a cancer researcher is not an authority on organomic cancer research beyond his own field unless he has diligently learned to see the developments of protozoa from disintegrating tissue, T-Bacilli, etc.

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