

# UNUSUAL HEROES

## A Remarkable Citizen Has Been Overlooked

(NAPSA)—*According to the National Institute of Mental Health, an estimated 17 million American adults suffer from depression every year. If you or someone you care about is ever among them, the following story may be both helpful and inspiring.*

Jack Dreyfus, founder of the brokerage house that bears his name, has written a book called "A Remarkable Medicine Has Been Overlooked."

Half a century ago, Dreyfus was the Lion of Wall Street and fast joining the ranks of America's richest men. But Dreyfus quit his profitable financial business, convinced God made him rich for a purpose.

At the pinnacle of his career, he developed an endogenous depression, so called because it came from within rather than an outside cause. He was under treatment for several years when he happened upon a woman having an epileptic seizure. On his next visit to his psychiatrist, he inquired about her condition and its treatment.

His doctor said all cells in the body are motivated by electrical impulses and that a medicine called Dilantin (Phenytoin) was recommended when the body's electricity gets messed up, as with epilepsy.

"Why can't I try Dilantin?" asked Dreyfus. As an expert in the laws of probability he knew the odds against asking his doctor to let him try one drug, out of a pharmacopoeia of many thousands, and having immediate success. His doctor told him there was no evidence it would be helpful but also no reason he should not. The doctor explained that Dilantin is neither sedative nor addictive, that it has the potential for side effects that are rarely serious but most of its side effects are very beneficial and that it has been time-tested with millions of



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people taking it daily for many years.

Dreyfus' full recovery was immediate and astounding. Overjoyed, he felt obliged to start the Dreyfus Medical Foundation and has spent his life and over \$100,000,000 of his own money investigating the many symptoms and disorders for which Dilantin is useful.

The efforts of his Foundation, correlating research and prompting inquiries, have made Dilantin one of the most widely-studied drugs in medical history. Through Dreyfus' efforts, the drug has been reported useful for over 70 symptoms and disorders by tens of thousands of independent physicians in 48 countries. Although he has no financial interest in Dilantin or Phenytoin, many of these countries have given awards to Jack Dreyfus.

In his own country, however, although Dreyfus has had oval office meetings with several United States Presidents (Richard Nixon referred to him as "my favorite genius"), this remarkable citizen's quest deserves government support.