To Whom It May Concern:

Personal experience with the World Trade Center Environmental Health Clinic at Bellevue as well as reports from various Ground Zero workers indicate that the treatment offered at the "centers for excellence" focuses on addressing symptoms rather than root causes of illness.

Steroids are administered for a broad spectrum of complaints as a one-size-fits-all panacea. We are told they present no health threat over the long term but the reassurance rings hollow as studies have not been performed to measure that effect.

This is proving to be not so much a treatment program as yet another windfall for the pharmaceutical companies.

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