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# Medical Panel Taking Stand For Ogden

A panel of medical experts, including one who has frequently denounced public "hysteria" about narcotics, prepared today to testify in the defense of Dr. Frank N. Ogden, 61-year-old Baltimore physician charged with prescribing drugs "in bad faith."

Dr. Ogden has admitted prescribing drugs for known drug addicts, but says he did it "to maintain them and keep them from becoming community problems."

The State has produced evidence to show that the former Fire Department surgeon and widely known general practitioner provided a continuing supply of morphine and dolophine, a synthetic drug, to men with a history of heroin or opium addiction.

## Dr. Kolb Testifying

Among the experts on hand to testify in Dr. Ogden's defense is Dr. Laurence Kolb, formerly of the United States Public Health Service, who has long argued that narcotics addicts must be treated as sick patients rather than as criminals.

In a national magazine article he has contended that the dope problem has been oversensationalized and that the "hysteria" about it has resulted in much ill-conceived legislation.

Dr. Ogden, who took the witness stand in his own defense Wednesday, was expected to return today for the completion of cross-examination by John C. Weiss, assistant State's attorney.

While the defense is expected to bear heavily on the philosophy of treating narcotics victims, Mr. Weiss centered much of his questioning on Dr. Ogden's records. One of the charges against Dr. Ogden is failure to keep proper records of narcotics.

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