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British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis—Metropolitan Branch, introductory course for doctors and dentists, 24-25 February, London. Details from Mrs M Samuels, 42 Links Road, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2HJ. (Tel Ashted 73522.)

Institute of Urology—Course "Urology for the FRCS," 16-17 March, London. For details see advertisement at p xii.

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology—Symposium "Infections in obstetrics and gynaecology: current views on management," 23 March, London. Details from symposium secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. (Tel 01-748 6802 ext 355.)

"Drug treatment in chronic cerebrovascular disorders"—International seminar, 2-4 May, Milan. Details from Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche "Mario Negri," Via Eritrea 62, 20157 Milan, Italy.

Royal College of Surgeons of England—Course "Fracture treatment with special reference to AO/ASIF techniques," 3-5 July, London. Details from the Surgical Training Office, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474 ext 28.)

Sports Medicine Conference—6-8 July, Cardiff. Details from the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports Medicine, Suite 4, 25 Weymouth Street, London W1. (Tel 01-636 4960.)

Fifth British Academic Conference in Otolaryngology—22-27 July, Birmingham. Details from Mr P Abbey, 1 Dorset Road, Windsor, Berks.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institutions concerned.

Sunday, 4 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—10.15 am, Sunday morning seminar for general practitioners, Dr L H Capel: Mouth and throat cancer.

Monday, 5 February

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr T W E Robinson: Metabolic disorders and skin.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Freud memorial lecture in psychoanalysis by Dr Joseph Sandler: Pain and depression: a psychoanalytic perspective.

Tuesday, 6 February

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—8 pm, fifth annual Marjory Warren memorial lecture by Dr Felix Post: Brain failure—past and future.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Dr M N Maisey: Present clinical applications of nuclear medicine.

Wednesday, 7 February

ASSURANCE MEDICAL SOCIETY—At Medical Society of London, 5 pm, Dr Edward Reynolds: The management of the "sacred disease."

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr M Thompson: Biochemical studies in human skin.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY, QUEEN SQUARE—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology, 6 pm, Dr P B C Matthews: Muscle stretch receptors. 7 pm, Dr P A Merton: Reflexes in human muscle.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Mr D J Dandy and Dr D J Stoker, chairman Mr E L Trickey: Arthroscopy and Arthrography.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5.40 pm, Watson Smith lecture by Professor R H T Edwards: Physiological and metabolic studies in human myopathy.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr J J Sandler: Unconscious wishes and human relationships.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Dr Thomas Hökfelt (Stockholm): Peptide neurons—widespread occurrence in the nervous system.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Professor Sir Richard Doll: Nutrition in the aetiology of cancer.

Thursday 8 February

ONCOLOGY CLUB—At Royal Marsden Hospital, 6.30 pm, Dr T Connors: Are animal experiments of any relevance to clinical oncology? (Open to anyone interested in oncology.)

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE—At Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 pm, Dr A F Lever: Essential hypertension—an enigma.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Arris and Gale lecture by Mr T L Dormandy: Free-radical reactions in biological systems.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—At Department of Genetics, Downing Street, 4.30 pm, Dr P Anderson: Tandem genetic duplication in bacteria.

Friday, 9 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Dr L Sinclair: Thyroid disease in childhood.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 5 pm, Dr P D Salpekar: Fat embolism—recent advances.

Saturday, 10 February

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL—At Royal Liverpool Hospital, 9 am, Mr J F Taylor: Anatomy and physiology of low back pain.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

	FEBRUARY
8 Thurs	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am.
9 Fri	Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 am.
9 Fri	Honorary Secretaries Conference, 10 am.
14 Wed	Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.
15 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
15 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
16 Fri	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
21 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 10 am.

Division Meetings

Members proposing to attend meetings marked * are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

Bradford and Airedale—At University of Bradford, Wednesday, 7 February, 8.30 pm, joint meeting with Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society and Bradford Law Society, Mr J A Turnbull: "Are we concerned?—Some reflections on the medicolegal scene."

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Dudley Hotel, Friday, 9 February, 8.30 pm, joint meeting with Sussex Law Society, Dr S D M McConville: "Crime and responsibility—some moral and political doubts." (Preceded by dinner, 7.15 for 7.30 pm.)

Durham—At Station Hotel, Thursday, 8 February, 7.45 pm, annual dinner dance.

Durham—At Dryburn Hospital, Monday, 5 February, 8.30 pm, Professor E Sunderland: "Genetic variation in the population of Great Britain." (Preceded by supper, 7 for 7.30 pm.)

East Surrey—Tuesday, 6 February, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

Edgware and Hendon—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 6 February, 8.30 pm, Dr D Geraint James: "Helpful new treatments."* (Guests welcome.)

Leeds—At Leeds General Infirmary, Wednesday, 7 February, 8 pm, Dr J C Cameron: "Current problems." (Guests welcome.)

North Warwickshire—At Novotel, Coventry, Tuesday, 6 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner, speaker Dr R E Smith: "Poets from North Warwickshire."* (Guests very welcome.)

Wakefield—At Pontefract General Infirmary, Thursday, 8 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, clinical meeting organised by the Leeds and West Riding Medico-Chirurgical Society.

Wolverhampton—At Masonic Hall, Wednesday, 7 February, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual BMA dinner.*

Regional Meetings

North-east Thames Regional Hospital Junior Staff Committee—At BMA House, Wednesday, 7 February, 6 pm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 10 January with the president, Mr R S Murlay, in the chair, diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following—P M Brown, R M Pearce, A M Burke, D M Hunt, A James, P J Shouler, Anne N Brain, D J Jones, M J Allen, T C Naunton Morgan, N P Ingram, N H Sellwood, S J Woollerton, J K Pye, A G Skanderowicz, T E Bucknall, A C Eaton, H S Goh, I J Reece, J H Plaschkes, M S Rahaman, R N Goyal, A K Adhya, V H Patel, R P Singh, A E H Bakry, A A Wahab, H A Ahmed, J M Bora, Chirashi D Mallawaratchi, K N Prabhakar, M F A E-A Sharara, D K Yanah, L N Al-Mumaz, M K T El Massri, Diana F Hoff, J Marrow, A A Nasher, R Yogasagar, A B Abeyinghe, R J Buckley, M J Coleman, R Johri, M S H Khan, A Lal, P J A McCluskie, M Salahuddin, Pamela F Sims, R L Smith, A K R Al-Dabbagh, H A K Hassan, Suman Kaushik, Sumitra Pal, P D Sharma, S Y L S Wickramasinghe, K Balakrishnan, G A G Fuller, T M Harris, M D Humby, R F Kaimar, C S Migdal, J M Mintowt-Czyz, R Nagendran, P Ray Chaudhuri, K J Vaux, K D Boffard, P A Bryant, H G Buch, D A Campbell, B R Davis, I A Fraser, H D O Garrick, J M Hack, Shobha V Nerlikar, Anthea N Walker, J D Caswell, G H Cowie, D J Ellis, M S Hockey, V S V B Hota, P W J Houghton, E T R James, G Akhoury, Ruth L Lester, W F Merriam, C G Morran, H D Ngwira, T Philp, D P Sellu, M L Sharma, J N L Simson, G W Southgate, I R Townsend, T A Andrew, B G Bolton-Maggs, K N Bullock, W B Campbell, N D Carr, M A Currie, D R Donaldson, C G Fowler, T Goodfellow, J F Haines, R N L Harland, R N L Harland, G H Hutchinson, A Lipner, Fionna P Moore, C I Moorwood, A C Parkes, I A H Pike, K M Porter, D J Pring, C J Pritchett, R M Rainsbury, J M Simms,

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(5) **SI units** are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units, and some useful conversion factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977).

(6) **Authors** should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

(7) **Letters to the Editor** submitted for publication must be signed personally by all the authors.

(8) **Acknowledgments** will *not* be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

(9) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 6 January 1979 (p 6).

N P Thomas, R M D Tranter, T J Turnbull, R T Walker, A D Wells, J A Wilde, W G A Woods, N J Henderson, L A Mercurius-Taylor.

At a quarterly meeting of the council held on 11 January with the president, Mr R S Murlay, in the chair, it was reported that Dr Frank E Stinchfield, immediate past president of the American College of Surgeons, had accepted election to the honorary fellowship. Mr W F Davis, secretary of the college appeal since its inception, was elected a member of the Court of Patrons.

The death of Mr Norman Barrett and of Professor Walter Mackenzie were reported with deep regret.

Mr C White was appointed Thomas Vicary lecturer for 1979. Mr J Dowse was appointed college surgical tutor at Bridgend, for five years in the first instance.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the council of the college held on 19 January the following were admitted to the fellowship—M M Alam, M A F Al-Bayatti, S A H Al-Sarraf, T A Andrew, M I A R Atrah, M H Ayoub, C H Ayub, M Azizoglu, R H C Bentall, N H Bharwani, M S Binns, D A Campbell, A G Coutts, W A Crookendale, W E Dawes, W G Donaldson, G L Driscoll, E R Elias, S H S El-Sherif, N J Formosa, A H Hnoosh, A G Hussain, G H Hutchinson, D Jaffray, R A Johnston, K Satkunanantham, S A Khan, A Kumar, I K Keung, K H Lo, A Majeed, Fionna P Moore, R B Mehta, J A M Murray, D Pavithran, M V Prescott, Q Quazi, B Ramakrishna, Dulber N Rashid, P Ravi, M Roberts, D A Rosenberg, Roslan Bin Arshad, W D Shaer, G K Sharma, W I Wei, H F Wong, Wong, Twee Juat, Yeoh Poh Hong, J K Y Yu.

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