

MEDICAL NEWS

New rehabilitation assessment unit

Patients with any severe locomotor disability should be helped by the Graham Hill Rehabilitation Unit, opened this week by the Prince of Wales at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, Middlesex. Financed partly by an appeal in memory of the racing driver Graham Hill, the unit consists basically of a two-bedroomed house where patients (with their relatives) can live before discharge, learning under the guidance of therapists how to cope with changed abilities and being assessed so that special adaptations can be made at home. The unit will also encourage research and teaching on the assessment and management of severe disability for doctors and other health professionals. At the opening the Friends of the Hospital launched a national appeal for £1 m for more teaching facilities, accommodation for relatives, and specific topics of research.

Imperial Cancer Research Fund

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund is giving £1.25 m to finance work at the Institute of Cancer Research: Royal Cancer Hospital, Sir Eric Scowen announced at the annual meeting of the ICRF's governors last week. The *Annual Report and Accounts 1978*, presented at the meeting, includes an article by Dr Tony Smith on progress in cancers of childhood, with special reference to work supported by the ICRF. "In the long run," he says, "the psychological care of the patient and his family may prove to be just as important as the right combination of drugs"; and a research project at St Bartholomew's Hospital is looking at the impact of leukaemia and its problems on families and on the children themselves, both the survivors and those who died. The report may be obtained from the ICRF, PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

After the death of a baby

"As parents of a stillborn child or one that has died after birth you may feel very alone." This is the starting point of *The Loss of Your Baby*, produced by the Health Education Council in conjunction with MIND and the National Stillbirth Study Group. Emphasising that mourning is both natural and necessary and that the mother should discuss her feelings, the booklet gives advice on sources of support and also on practical matters. Copies are available from the council at 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH (01-637 1881, ext 235).

COMING EVENTS

National Union of Students Health Student Sector—Conference "Health care in a multiracial society," 12 May, London. Details from the Health Student Officer, National Union of Students, 302 Pentonville Road, London N1. (Tel 01-278 3291.)

British Nutrition Foundation—First annual conference, "Lifestyles and nutrition," 15-16 May, London. Details from the foundation, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.

"Clinical cardiology for the general practitioner"—Course organised by the North Devon Medical Centre,

17-19 May, Barnstaple. Details from the centre, North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple, Devon. (Tel 0271 27577, 2291, 4331, ext 373 and 374.)

Royal Society—Meeting for discussion "Ultra-short laser pulses," 23-24 May, London. Details from the executive secretary, Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. (Tel 01-839 5561 ext 278.)

Society for Clinical Ecology—Clinical ecology seminar, 30-31 May, London. Details from Dr R Mackarness, Clinical Ecology Unit, Rookdown House, Basingstoke District Hospital, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9NA. (Tel 0256 3202 ext 239 or postgraduate secretary ext 6177.)

Second International Congress on Toxicology—"Mechanisms of toxicity and hazard evaluation," 7-11 July, Brussels. Details from SdR Associated, 16 Avenue des Abeilles, 1050 Brussels, Belgium. (Tel (02) 647 87 80.)

Association for Family Therapy—4th annual conference, 20-22 September, Lancaster. Details from the association, c/o NMGC, 34 King Street, Lancaster LA1 1RE.

Institute of Human Nutrition at Columbia University—Symposium on "Nutrition and the killer diseases," 29-30 November, New York. Details from the institute, 701 West 168th Street, New York, New York 10032, USA.

Age Concern Four Nation Study Conference on Aging in the Eighties—4-7 February 1980, London. Details from National Old People's Welfare Council, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL. (Tel 01-640 5431.)

Exeter Health Care District—Details and copies of the programme for May are now available from the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Barrack Road, Exeter.

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.*

Tuesday, 8 May

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.30 pm, 30th Kettle memorial lecture by Professor D Heath: The breath of life.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Dr E Katchburian: Cells and biominerallisation.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE—7.30 pm, Phillip Ellman lecture by Dr G Panayi: Rheumatoid arthritis—prevention or cure?

Wednesday, 9 May

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr A J Palfrey: Surgical anatomy of the hip joint. 7 pm, Miss Ruth Wynne-Davies: Epidemiology and genetics of hip disease.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS PSYCHOTHERAPY SPECIALIST SECTION—At Tavistock Centre, 8.15 pm, Dr William Gillespie: Relationship between psychoanalysis and hypnosis.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian lecture by Professor J Nayman: Measurement and control of postoperative pain.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—2 pm, histopathology course, Dr B C Morson: Interpretation of colorectal biopsies.

Thursday, 10 May

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—At Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 12.15 pm, Dr Stothers: The use of hats in nursing preterm babies.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Cecil Joll prize lecture by Mr J S Hilary Wade: Respiratory obstruction in thyroid surgery. At Royal Society of Medicine, 5 pm, Pocklington memorial lecture by Professor H E Kaufman: The corneal endothelium in intraocular surgery.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr P Johnson: The clinical implications of prenatal development on behaviour.

Friday, 11 May

LOUIS RAPKINE ASSOCIATION—At Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, 6 pm, M P Kourilsky: Génie génétique: problèmes et perspectives.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—9.30 am, William Guy memorial lecture by Professor Emeritus G E M Hallett: Observations on the dental conditions of children in Cyprus and Persia.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

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9 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
10 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
10 Thurs	Superannuation Committee, 10 am.
10 Thurs	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
11 Fri	Geriatric Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.

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(1) **Typing** should be on one side of the paper, with double or triple spacing between the lines and 5-cm margins at the top and left-hand side of the sheet.

(2) **Two copies** (or preferably three) should be submitted.

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(4) **References** must be set out in the style used in the *BMJ*, and their accuracy verified before the manuscript is submitted.

(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).

Division Meetings

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

Bromley—At Farnborough Hospital, Saturday, 12 May, 10.15 am, ent symposium.

Coventry—At Allesley Hotel, Tuesday 8 May, 8 pm, invitation from the Coventry and Warwickshire Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, speaker Dr D G Nancekievill: "Motor racing—major accident care."*

East Kent—At Sarre Court Country Club, Thursday, 10 May, 8 pm, agm and business meeting.

East Surrey—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 8 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

East Yorkshire—At Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 9 May, 7.30 pm, annual presidential address by Dr J M Dunlop: "A spoonful of sugar."* (Followed by supper.)

Hastings—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Tuesday, 8 May, 8 pm, agm. (Preceded by supper, 7.15 pm.)

Hexham—At George Hotel, Chollerford, Thursday, 10 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual ball.*

Kesteven—At King's Hotel, Grantham, Friday, 11 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 8 May, 8.30 pm, Dr I McKim Thompson: "What will it be like to be a doctor in the 1980s?"

South-east Essex—At "Porters," Southend-on-Sea, Saturday, 12 May, 6 pm, chairman's champagne reception.*

South-west Wales—At Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen, Friday, 11 May, 7 for 7.30 pm, dinner/lecture, speaker Professor L P LeQuesne: "Nelson's wounds."*

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