

## MEDICAL NEWS

### New professor of neurosurgery at Birmingham

Mr E R Hitchcock has been appointed professor of neurosurgery at the University of Birmingham in succession to Professor E Brodie Hughes. Professor Hitchcock, who is 49, graduated in medicine from Birmingham in 1952 and then held various posts at the university, followed by two years at University College Hospital, London. From 1960 he specialised in neurology, first holding a Medical Research Council research fellowship and subsequently appointments at the Radcliffe Infirmary and the Universities of Oxford and Manchester. In 1966 he moved to Edinburgh, where he has been reader in surgical neurology and consultant neurosurgeon. Professor Hitchcock's research and publications have been on epilepsy, behavioural disorders, trauma, intractable pain, and stereotactic operations. He has developed new methods of analgesic surgery, and has established a brain research laboratory and a pain-relieving clinic in Edinburgh.

### New professors at the Queen's University of Belfast

Dr T J Harrison, reader and consultant in anatomy at the Queen's University of Belfast, has been appointed to the chair of anatomy in the university. Dr Harrison, who is 59, graduated in medicine from the university in 1942 and after serving in the medical branch of the RAF he held various lecturing posts in anatomy in Belfast. His research has been mainly on problems of skeletal growth.

Dr W F M Wallace, senior lecturer and consultant in physiology at the university, has been appointed to the chair of applied physiology. Dr Wallace, who is 42, graduated in medicine from the university in 1961, and has held various teaching appointments in the departments of therapeutics and pharmacology and of physiology. His research interests are in pure and applied physiology and medical education.

### Withdrawal of amphetamine

Smith Kline and French have ceased manufacture of most of their products containing amphetamine (Drinamyl, Steladex, and Dexedrine spansules). Dexamphetamine tablets will still be available for the treatment of narcolepsy.

### Counselling before and after bereavement

Cruse, the National Organisation for Widows and their Children, is holding its sixth course of seminars and discussion groups on counselling before and after bereavement from 11 January to 15 March. The course, at the Royal Free Hospital, London NW3, is open to doctors, social workers, ministers of religion, nurses, health visitors, educationalists, and all who work in a professional capacity with dying and bereaved people. The subjects to be covered include bereavement in adults, adolescents, and

children; work with dying adults and children; cot deaths and stillbirth; bereavement counselling; training and sources of support; and resources for the bereaved and the work of Cruse. Details from Dr Dora Black, Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey (01-940 4818/9047).

## 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.

### Monday, 6 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Professor M W Greaves: The pharmacology of normal skin.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Bradshaw lecture by Professor J C Goligher: Recent trends in the treatment of carcinoma of the rectum.

### Tuesday, 7 November

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY—8.05 pm, Dr M Trimble: Giles de la Tourette and his syndrome. (Preceded by buffet supper, 7 pm.)\*  
KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—7 pm, 7th Squibb history of medicine lecture by Dr Brian Livesley: Experimenting with John Hunter.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Dr Murray Brookes: Blood supply of bone.

### Wednesday, 8 November

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures, 6 pm, Dr Margaret Esiri: Immunological features of multiple sclerosis lesions. 7 pm, Dr D A S Compston: Immunogenetic studies of multiple sclerosis.  
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr J A Gray: The neuropsychology of anxiety and tolerance for stress.  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Professor A J Zuckerman: The problem and control of viral hepatitis.

### Thursday, 9 November

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION—At Institute of Child Health, 4.45 pm, Dr Nathalie Jossa (Paris): The hormonal basis of genital development and intersexuality.  
ONCOLOGY CLUB—At Royal Marsden Hospital, 6.30 pm, Professor R J Berry: Radiosensitisers.  
ROYAL SOCIETY—4.30 pm, Leeuwenhoek lecture by Dr H J F Cairns, FRS: Bacteria as proper subjects for cancer research.\*  
ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr Philip Steer: The clinical importance of measuring uterine activity.

## BMA NOTICES

### Central Meetings

NOVEMBER	
7 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
8 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10.15 am.
15 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
16 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
16 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
22 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
29 Wed	Council, 10 am.

### Division Meetings

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

**Barnet and Finchley**—At Barnet General Hospital, Thursday, 9 November, 8 pm, Professor H P Lambert: "Antibiotic policy making."

**Coventry**—At Coventry and Warwickshire Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 7 November, 7 pm, sherry reception and buffet supper, 9 pm, Dr J F Wilkinson: "Old English apothecary's jars up to 1780."\* (Friends are invited.)

**Dewsbury**—At Staincliffe General Hospital, Wednesday, 8 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, clinical meeting.

**Dukeries**—At Mansfield General Hospital, Wednesday, 8 November, 8.30 pm, annual meeting of Dukeries Division and the Mansfield Medical Society. (Preceded by buffet supper, 7.30 pm.)\*

**East Surrey**—Tuesday, 7 November, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

**East Yorkshire**—At Town Docks Museum, Wednesday, 8 November, 7.30 pm, Mr D R Carden: "The rise and fall of the trawling industry in Hull." (Followed by Council dinner.)

**Hartlepool**—At General Hospital, Monday, 6 November, 8.30 pm, agm.

## Instructions to authors

The following are the minimum requirements for manuscripts submitted for publication.

(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.

(3) **Spelling** should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

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

(8) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 7 January (p 6).

**Hastings**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Friday, 10 November, 7.15 for 8.15 pm, Mr Kenneth Warren, MP: "The NHS—a suitable case for treatment."\* (Husbands wives invited.)

**Lancaster**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Wednesday, 8 November, 8 pm, buffet social.\* (Guests very welcome.)

**Manchester**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 7 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, Dr D Rowlands: "New film on hypertension."\* (Gold platter supper provided.)

**Merseyside Regional Council**—At Liverpool Medical Institution, Tuesday, 7 November, 5 pm.

**North-east Essex**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Wednesday, 8 November, 8 pm, agm.

**Scunthorpe**—At Scunthorpe General Hospital, Sunday, 5 November, 11.30 am, sherry morning to mark Dr Cuthbert Stanford's recent retirement.\*

**South Bedfordshire**—At Eurocrest Hotel, Luton, Friday, 10 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.\* (Guests are welcome.)

**Waltham Forest**—At Whipps Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 8 November, 8.30 pm, Professor R A Cawson: "Oral ulcers, sore tongue, and other problems."\* (Preceded by buffet supper, guests invited.)\*

**West Berkshire**—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 8 November, 8.30 pm, Dr I G Simpson: "Defending doctors." (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 pm.\* Wives are invited.)

**West Derbyshire**—At Whitworth Hospital, Tuesday, 7 November, 8.30 pm, Dr M J Grundman: "Progress in gastroenterology."\*

## CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Dr H P Rosenvinge (psychiatrist).  
Dr Jeanne L Hertzog (child psychiatrist).

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