

MEDICAL NEWS

Treatment centres for paraquat poisoning

Several medical centres throughout the UK have agreed on a comprehensive scheme to provide treatment in cases of systemic paraquat poisoning. Any doctor who has to deal with a case of poisoning or suspected poisoning from paraquat is invited to refer at once to the nearest of these centres (listed below), where specialised treatment, probably including haemodialysis or haemoperfusion, is available. Further details of the scheme may be obtained from the National Poisons Information Service centres in London (Telephone: 01-407 7600), Edinburgh (031-229 2477), and Cardiff (0222 492233).

Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne. Telephone: 0632 25131. Consultants: Dr J C Stoddart, Professor D N S Kerr, Professor, M Rawlins.

North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. 0642 244641. Dr D H Kenward, Dr J R Cove-Smith.

St James University Hospital, Leeds LS9 7TF. 0532 33144. Dr A M Davison.

City Hospital, Nottingham NG5 1PB. 0602 608111. Dr Martin Knapp, Dr Richard Burden.

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk. 0603 28377. Dr R Adams, Dr J S Pryor.

Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT. 01-407 7600. Dr R Goulding, Dr G N Volans.

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury CT1 3NE. 0227 66877. Dr M J Goggin, Dr I Prosser.

Royal United Hospital, Combe Park, Bath BA1 3NG. 0225 28331. Dr P N Bennett.

St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth PO3 6AD. 0705 22331. Dr D J Warren, Professor H A Lee, Professor A Polak.

The Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Oxfordshire. 0865 64914. Dr D O Oliver, Dr L Chan.

Whipton Hospital, Exeter EX1 3RB. 0392 68497/0392 68281. Dr G H Hall, Dr P Bisson, Dr T Feast.

Southmead General Hospital, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS10 5NB. 0272 505050. Dr J C Mackenzie.

Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham B18 7QH. 021 554 3801. Dr N Wright.

Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester M13 9WL. 061 273 3300. Dr N P Mallick, Dr F S Goldby.

Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR. 061 445 8111. Dr P Acrill, Dr A J Ralston.

KRUF Institute of Renal Disease, Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, South Glamorgan. 0222 492233. Dr D B Webb, Professor A W Asscher, Dr D J Fisher, Dr G C Coles.

Royal Infirmary, Glasgow G4 0SF. 041 552 3535. Dr J M Boulton-Jones, Dr I S Henderson, Dr J W Dobbie.

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Foresterhill, Aberdeen AB9 2ZB. 0224 681818. Dr Neil Edward, Dr G R D Catto.

Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh EH3 9YW. 031 229 2477. Dr A T Proudfoot, Dr L F Prescott.

London Medical Orchestra

The London Medical Orchestra will resume rehearsals in Christ Church School, Cosway Street, London NW1, at 7 pm on 18 September. New members welcome, especially strings. Details from Mrs A P Mason, 102 Hamilton Terrace, London NW8. (Tel 01-286 4367 evenings.)

People in the news

Professor A M Thomson will be awarded the title of emeritus professor on retirement from his post in the University of Newcastle upon Tyne on 30 September this year.

COMING EVENTS

King's College Hospital Medical School—Postgraduate weekend refresher course and annual dinner of past and present students, 29-30 September, London. Details from Mrs Judith Lempriere, King's College Hospital Medical School, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8RX.

Royal College of Physicians of London—Conferences "Adverse effects of treatment," 5-6 November, and "Topics in therapeutics," 7-9 November. For details see classified advertisements.

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology—Teach-in for consultants on "Recent advances in obstetrics and gynaecology," 26-30 November, London. Details from the symposium secretary of the institute, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG.

2nd International Congress on Vision and Road Safety—20-22 November 1980, Paris. Details from La Prévention Routière Internationale Linas, F-91310 Paris, Monthéry, France.

Winchester and Central Hampshire Medical and Dental Federation—Details and copies of the September-December programme are now available from the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. (Tel Winchester 63535 ext 422.)

Royal College of Physicians of London—Teach-ins 1979-80. For details see classified advertisements.

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, 11 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—At Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 3 pm, Monro lecture by Professor R L Cruess: Aetiology, natural history, and management of cortisone-induced osteonecrosis.

Thursday, 13 September

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL—12.15 pm, paediatric meeting, Dr K Bluglass: The psychosocial consequences of sudden infant death syndrome.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—At Department of Chemistry, University of Birmingham, 4.30 pm, Bradshaw lecture by Professor D G Julian: The significance and management of ventricular arrhythmias.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER	
10 Mon	Medical Academic Staff Committee, 10.30 am.
10 Mon	Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
12 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
12 Wed	Committee on Doctors and Social Work, 10 am.
12 Wed	Armed Forces Committee, 10.30 am.
13 Thurs	Journal Committee, 2.15 pm.
13 Thurs	Committee on the EEC, 2.30 pm.
14 Fri	Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 am.
19 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10 am.
19 Wed	Private Practice Committee, 10.30 am.
20 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
20 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
20 Thurs	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.

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

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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.

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(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.*

Aberystwyth—At Conrah Hotel, Ffosrhydygaled, Saturday, 15 September, 8 pm, annual BMA ball.* (Guests are invited.)

Aldershot and Farnham—At Frimley Park Hospital, Wednesday, 12 September, 8.15 pm, business meeting.

Dewsbury—At Marmaville Country Club, Friday, 14 September, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests are invited.)

North Birmingham, Lichfield, and Tamworth—At Good Hope Hospital, Tuesday, 11 September, 7.30 pm, agm.

South Warwickshire—At 10 St Michaels Road, Claverdon, Saturday, 8 September, 8 pm, chairman's sherry reception and light supper.*

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AHA—Dr V L Hall (radiotherapy and oncology).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—Mr P W Hopcroft (traumatic and orthopaedic surgeon); Dr N Williamson (immunologist); Dr P F Unsworth (microbiologist).

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