

Emergency Admissions

Refusals to admit a patient to hospital are frequently made by lay staff, according to the annual report of the Emergency Bed Service for the year ended 31 March 1972. A senior medical authority may remain unaware of their action, according to the report, and no record is kept. It is suggested that every admissions office should keep a standard book, and action taken should be initiated by the medical officer on duty every three hours.

Scientific Research in British Universities and Colleges

The latest volumes of *Scientific Research in British Universities and Colleges*, compiled by the Department of Education and Science, are now available. The series aims to provide brief details of active research in progress in British universities and other institutions during the current academic year. The 1971-2 edition comprises three volumes, each one being divided into broad subject fields and the university/college entries are arranged alphabetically within them. Volume I covers physical sciences; volume II, biological sciences; and volume III, social sciences. All three volumes are published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, price £6.50, £6.00, and £5.50 respectively.

Soft Drinks

The Government's Food Standards Committee is to review the Soft Drinks Regulations. They control the composition and labelling of soft drinks, including low-calorie drinks and those for consumption by diabetics. Anyone wishing to make representations to the Committee should address them to its secretary before 30 November at the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries, and Food, Room 419, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AE.

Health Information Unit

The World Health Organization has established a Health Information Unit under the direction of Dr. A. A. Weber, of Switzerland, an expert on the use of mathematics and computers in medicine. One of the unit's tasks will be to encourage a better utilization of modern management methods in health administration.

Adviser to W.H.O.

Mr. Charles Engel has been appointed an adviser on medical education to the World Health Organization. Mr. Engel is director of the B.M.A.'s Department of Audio-Visual Communication and the British Life Assurance Trust for Health Education.

COMING EVENTS

Southampton Postgraduate Medical Federation.—Copies and details of the programme, September-December, are obtainable from the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Southampton General Hospital, Southampton SO9 4XY. (Tel. 75522, extn. 247.)

Newcastle upon Tyne Regional Neurological Centre.—Details and copies of the autumn term

programme of the Neurological Research Discussion Group are obtainable from the centre, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6BE. (Tel. Newcastle 3-8811.)

Edinburgh and East of Scotland Society of Anaesthetists.—Details of the 1972-3 programme are obtainable from the honorary secretary, Dr. K. B. Slawson, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh EH4 2XU.

Hampshire Medical Federation.—Copies and details of the September-December postgraduate programmes are obtainable from the postgraduate secretary, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. (Tel. 63535, extns. 356 and 214.)

"Services for the Elderly Today."—Symposium, 24 September, 10.30 a.m., Burton District Hospital Centre. Sir Ronald Tunbridge will preside. Details and application forms from Dr. M. B. Paul, Burton Graduate Medical Centre, General Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. (Tel. Burton 3334, extn. 79.)

Royal College of Surgeons of England.—Surgery lectures, 25 September-13 October. Fee £15 (or 75p per lecture). Details from the administrative assistant, R.C.S. England, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN (Tel. 01-405 3474, extn. 23.)

Fourth World Conference on Medical Education of the W.M.A.—"Educating Tomorrow's Doctors," 25-29 September 1972, Copenhagen, Denmark. Registration fee, U.S.\$50. Details are obtainable from the Secretary-General, World Medical Association Inc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y. 10019, U.S.A.

Association for Paediatric Education in Europe.—Second annual meeting, 29 September-1 October, Helleback, near Copenhagen, immediately following World Conference on Medical Education. Details from the secretary, A.P.E.E., Professor S. Doxiadis, Institute of Child Health, Athens 608, Greece.

Nutrition Society.—29 September London, meeting. Details from Dr. J. D. Sutton, Hon. Programmes Secretary, National Institute for Research in Dairying, Shinfield, Reading RG2 9AT. (Tel. 0734 883103.)

Institute of Health Service Administrators, East Anglian Provincial Region.—Weekend school, 29 September-1 October, Great Yarmouth. Fee £12.50 (inclusive). Details from Mr. E. M. D. Goddard, Lowestoft and North Suffolk Hospital, Tennyson Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk. (Tel. 0502 5151.)

69th French Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and Cervical Facial Pathology.—2-5 October 1972, Paris. Details from the Secretary General, Dr. Jean Bouche, 10 Villa Scheffer, Paris 16^e.

Fifth World Conference on General Practice. Theme, "Our World of Tomorrow—Patient Care from Now to the Year 2000," 3-7 October 1972, Melbourne. Details from the executive secretary of the conference, 254 Albert Street, East Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 3002.

Institute of Urology.—Day seminar, "Urology and Venereal Disease," 7 October. For details see advertisement on page xvi.

1st International Conference on Education in the Health Sciences.—8-12 October, The Hague. Details from the executive director, I.C.E.H.S., 10 Churchillplein, P.O. Box 9058, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology.—Eighth Scientific Session, 8-12 October, Colorado Springs. Details from Major Robert R.

McMeekin, secretary, Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C. 20305, U.S.A.

12th International Congress of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology.—9-13 October 1972, Israel. Details from the organizing committee, SICOT 12, P.O.B. 16271, Tel Aviv, Israel.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Tuesday, 12 September

B.B.C. TELEVISION.—1.15 p.m. on channel 2; also 11.20 p.m. on 19 September on channel 1. Medicine Today: Anticoagulants.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Professor H. Carey (South Africa): Modern Concepts of Disordered Uterine Function. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, S.W.3.)

Wednesday, 13 September

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—At National Hospital, 5.30 p.m., Professor J. W. Lance (New South Wales): Spasticity and Rigidity.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At 4.30 p.m., 23rd Thomas Percy Legg memorial lecture by Professor Owen H. Wengenstein (Minnesota): Lister's Achievement and Role in 19th Century Wound Management.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. J. A. L. Gilbert: Testing Clinical Competence.

APPOINTMENTS

SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Mr. I. P. Stewart (consultant, accident and emergency department, Plymouth); Mr. C. J. Cutting (consultant, accident and emergency department, Taunton); Mr. M. P. Wright (consultant, accident and emergency department, Gloucester); Dr. J. P. Capel (consultant, accident and emergency department, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol); Mr. J. M. McGarry (consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, Devon and Exeter Clinical Area (North Devon)).

H.M. FORCES

ARMY

Colonel R. G. Macfarlane, late R.A.M.C. to be Brigadier.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Brigadier R. J. Niven has been appointed Colonel Commandant, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Correction

Dr. A. J. P. Antao

We regret that in the obituary of the late Dr. A. J. P. Antao (12 August, p. 421) it was stated that he died at the age of 70. This should have read at the age of 60.

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