

Nursing Homes

The Secretary of State for Social Services has reapproved 20 nursing homes and clinics for termination of pregnancy under the Abortion Act. The approval runs to 30 June 1973. A further two homes have been reapproved until 30 November 1972 in order that inquiries in progress can be completed. Approval was withdrawn from St. George's Nursing and Convalescent Home, Milford-on-Sea on 11 October 1972. The Whitehaven Nursing Home, Hove, did not seek reapproval after its current approval ceased on 31 October 1972.

Equal Pay for Black Doctors

The Johannesburg City Council is to pay its health department's black doctors on the same scales as the white doctors. The decision is said to follow a walk-out by ten African doctors at Soweto, the African housing estate near Johannesburg.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London.—Session, "Reproduction and Control of Fertility," 22 November, 2.15 p.m. For details see advertisement on page xviii.

Victor Horsley Memorial Lecture.—"The Newer Knowledge of Cortical Localization," by Professor D. Whitteridge, F.R.S., 23 November, 6 p.m., Institute of Neurology, National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG.

Cambridge University.—Introductory course, "Biology of the Skin," 4-8 December, Churchill College. Intended for registrars and postgraduate students. Fee £8. Details from the Medical School Office, Hills Road, Cambridge CB 2QL. (Tel. Cambridge 45171.)

M.R.C.O.G. Course.—4-15 December, West Middlesex Hospital. Details from Mr. J. G. Wingfield, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, Middlesex. (Tel. 01-560 2121.)

Institute of Urology.—"Uro-radiology" weekend, 8-9 December. For details see advertisement on page xviii.

Royal Society of Health.—Day conference, "La Dorce Vita," 15 December, 10 a.m., Central Hall, Westminster, London. Programme includes sessions on smoking, drugs, and venereal disease. Fee £2.50. Tickets and details from the secretary, R.S.H., 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel. 01-235 9961, extn. 38.)

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and England.—Joint meeting and symposia, 15-16 December, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Details from the Honorary Secretary, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Edinburgh EH8 9DW (Tel. 031-556 6106) or the Secretary, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel. 01-405 3474, ext. 163.)

The Biochemistry of Mental Illness.—Workshop, 16-17 December, Bletchley, Bucks. Details from Professor A. N. Davison, Department of Neurochemistry, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG. (Tel. 01-837 3611.)

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.

Monday, 13 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor R. M. Bowden: Embryology of the Skin.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor A. P. Waterson: Control of Serum Hepatitis in a Hospital Environment.

Tuesday, 14 November

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Professor P. Curzen: Immunology of the Placenta. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, S.W.3.)
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Professor P. R. Davis: The Trunk—Evolution and the Lifting of Loads.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. D. G. Gibson: Clinicopathological Conference.

Wednesday, 15 November

CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE.—At Institute of Diseases of the Chest, 5 p.m., Mr. S. C. Lennox: Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—6 p.m., Dr. D. C. Dumonde: Clinical Significance of Lymphocyte Sensitization; 7 p.m., Professor M. H. Lessof: Immunosuppressive and Anti-inflammatory Treatment in Neurology.
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. G. Edwards: Alcoholism as a Plastic Condition.*
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Dr. W. R. Cattell: Urinary Infection in Adults.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Professor E. D. Acheson: The Adventure of a New Medical School.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Davis memorial lecture by Dr. C. S. Davidson (Boston): Alcoholic Liver Disease.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. I. Sommerville: Indices of Androgen Production in Men and Women.
SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At House of Commons, 7.15 p.m., meeting: Pharmacy in the N.H.S.

Thursday, 16 November

DUNDEE UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Professor J. S. Beck: Clinical Immunology.
HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 5 p.m., Professor B. Jennett: Epilepsy after Head Injury—an Exercise in Prediction.
INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Mr. A. M. Fisher: The Failing Fetus. (Admission by ticket only obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, S.W.3.)
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—12.30 p.m., Professor Wylie Barker (Los Angeles): Experimental Alimentary Lipaemia and Atherosclerosis.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 7.30 p.m., laboratory meeting, demonstrations will be given.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Mr. E. A. Alment: Marriage and Morals for the Gynaecologist.

Friday, 17 November

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS.—At Institute of Psychiatry, 2.15 p.m., Maudsley lecture by Sir Denis Hill: Non-verbal Behaviour in Mental Illness.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Oliver Sharpey lecture by Dr. R. W. Ross Russell: Posterior Cerebral Circulation.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—4.30 p.m., Ivison Macadam lecture by Professor Henry Harris, F.R.S.: Analysis of Malignancy by Cell Fusion.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Professor R. Zachary: Surgery of Liver and Bile Ducts in Infancy and Childhood.

Sunday, 19 November

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY.—At Pharmaceutical Society, London W.C.1, 2.30 p.m., Mr. W. H. Helfand: James Morison and his Pills.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—Patsy J. M. Watney, D. L. Brown.
M.CHIR.—F. V. Nicolle.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

The annual general meeting of the Royal College of General Practitioners was held on 1 November. His Royal Highness The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh was installed as an Honorary Fellow of the College and invested as President for 1972-3. His Royal Highness presented the college with the Royal Charter previously granted by Her Majesty in Privy Council.

The following were elected Fellows of the Royal College of General Practitioners: R. Adamson, R. McG. Aitken, R. J. Bennison, M. M. Berber, W. K. Brown, Eleanor J. Carmichael, E. R. Carter, E. A. Cormack, M. H. Dale, Y. M. Dias, Sheila E. Fraser, D. E. Freeman, A. W. Forrest, L. A. Gibbons, S. G. Hamilton, Marjory C. Hogg, W. G. Irwin, A. Jacob, O. L. Lander, M. B. Lennard, M. Maclean, R. L. Meyrick, A. Mories, D. C. Morrell, J. G. Munro, J. Park, D. G. Scott, R. F. Shove, J. L. Skene, W. E. Smith, J. S. K. Stevenson, C. J. Swanson, P. D. Thomson, W. B. Howell, and Eric Wilkes.

His Royal Highness subsequently presided over a meeting of council at which the following officers

of the college were elected: *chairman*, Dr. E. V. Kuenssberg; *vice-chairman*, Dr. B. C. S. Slater; *deputy vice-chairman*, Dr. J. P. Horder; *hon. treasurer*, Dr. S. J. Carne; and *hon. secretary*, Dr. D. H. Irvine.

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

The following were admitted to Membership on 28 September:

D. H. Allen, P. A. Barr, D. J. D. Burke, W. E. De Launey, G. L. Donnelly, C. Dunn, D. I. Fevre, M. D. Gett, R. W. Giles, J. S. Glass, J. R. Hazel, R. D. Hull, P. E. Mutton, N. C. Patel, P. Slezak, T. F. Tydd, J. A. Booth, J. Dent, A. W. Ireland, P. F. Nixon, J. M. Bishop, W. I. Burns, S. L. Carney, L. M. Dugdale, R. H. Dupuche, H. J. M. Goldberg, J. A. E. Goy, S. Kalowski, P. J. Miach, R. F. W. Moulds, L. J. Norton, J. O'Day, L. E. Oliver, F. A. Shann, P. M. Stephenson, W. J. Stevenson, J. W. G. Tiller, J. A. Whitford, R. R. Zimmert, P. C. Blumbergs, R. B. Burnet, G. W. Dart, W. R. Hill, S. J. Judd, W. O. Rodgers, G. P. Ryan, A. V. Stepanas, H. I. D. Peake, J. J. Antony, J. G. Armstrong, H. M. Lloyd, D. O. Robinson, J. R. Wicks, R. W. Carrell, D. G. Carroll, P. J. Little, J. B. Mackay, J. D. H. Mathews, Y. K. Lee

APPOINTMENTS

THE RETREAT, YORK.—Dr. D. M. Bearpark (consultant psychiatrist).

Corrections

Fellowships in Surgery

We regret that, as a result of a printing error, in the letter from the presidents of the four royal surgical colleges (4 November, p. 302) Sir Donald Douglas, P.R.C.S. Edinburgh, was wrongly described as P.R.C.S. Ireland.

Detecting Sickie Haemoglobin

We regret a printing error in the penultimate paragraph of the letter from Dr. F. I. D. Konotey-Ahulu (28 October, p. 239), in which gene frequencies are discussed. The passage should have read: "The gene frequencies ($n_s = 0.1$, $n_c = 0.05$, $n_A = 0.85 \dots$) not $n_c = 0.5$ as printed.

Cardiovascular Responses after Methylmethacrylate Cement

In printing the letter on this subject by Dr. D. Cadle and others (14 October, p. 107) we regret we did not give the working address of Drs. D. L. Pryer and C. C. Wilmshurst as the Torbay Hospital, Torquay. Drs. D. Cadle, M. L. James, and R. F. Piper work at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital, Exeter. Mr. R. S. M. Ling works at both hospitals. The authors omitted to state that the figures in their Table were for percentage changes in the mean arterial pressure. The mean arterial pressure was taken to be the diastolic pressure plus one-third of the pulse pressure.

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