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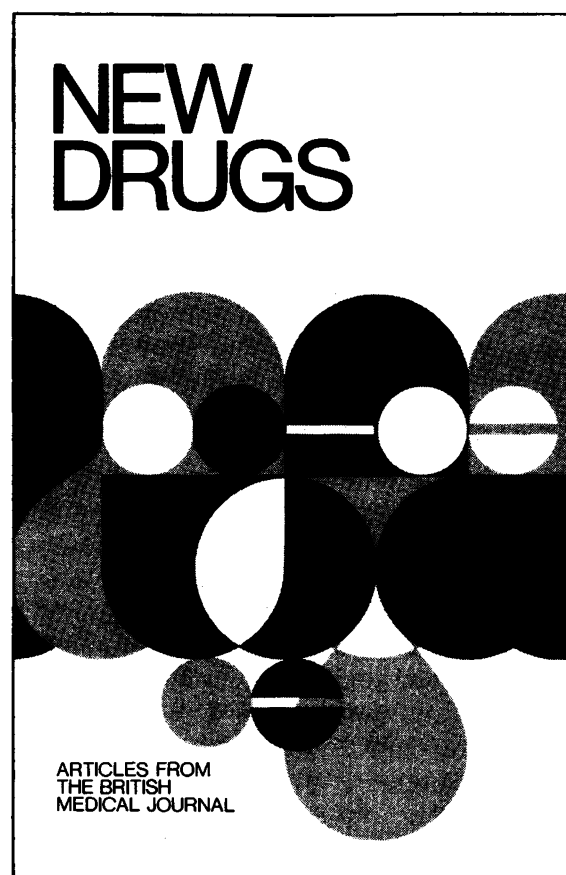
In the past few years the number of important new drugs and our understanding of pharmacology have continued to increase. Reliable and unbiased information on the therapeutic use of these agents is, however, not always readily available. Articles recently published in the *BMJ* on entirely new groups of drugs – H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists, calcium antagonists, captopril – and on new members of groups of drugs already available – beta-blockers, tranquillisers, hypnotics, diuretics – fill this gap and are now collected together in book form. Busy practitioners will find that this comprehensive review allows them to make a more rational choice of treatment.

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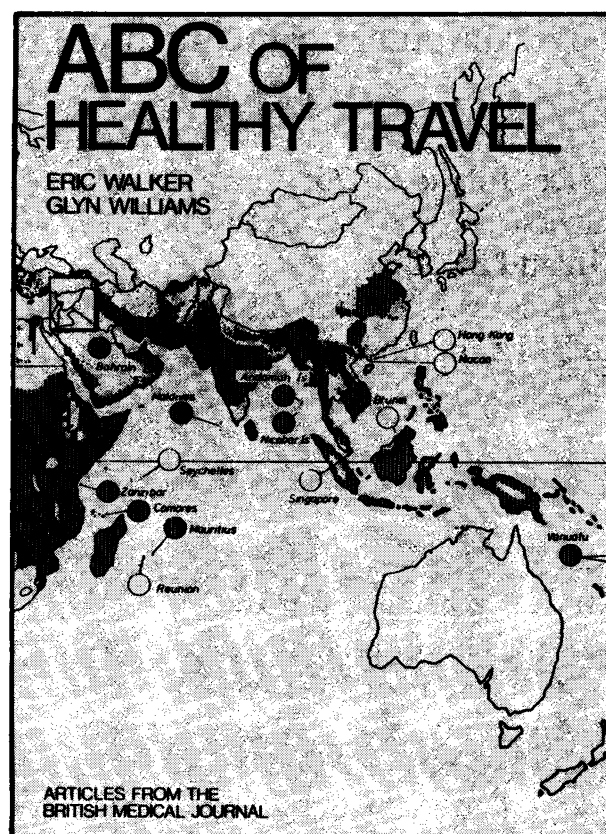
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With more people travelling abroad each year the health problems of travellers, both abroad and on their return, assume increasing importance. Travellers may be at hazard from the environment, their lifestyles, and their lack of familiarity with foreign customs. Doctors need to be able to advise their travelling patients and to be aware of the—sometimes potentially serious—infections that may not become apparent until the traveller has return home. In the ABC of Healthy Travel in the *BMJ* Dr Eric Walker and Dr Glyn Williams described the problems facing the traveller, the immunisations he needs, the infections he may bring home; suggested ways of preventing and treating illness abroad; listed sources of up to date information; and reviewed recent advice on malaria prophylaxis. These articles have been collected into a book to provide the busy practitioner with a practical guide to advising travellers and managing their illnesses.

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