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Strange, isn't it, how something new can suddenly turn up, yet the report of three cases of malignant fibrous histiocytoma in chronic venous ulceration seems a true bill—and one that is potentially curable if diagnosed early (p 230). And the survey of modern treatment of haemophilia by a Netherlands team gives encouraging results, with a life expectancy of 66 (compared with a normal of 74) and a relative mortality the same as that caused by smoking cigarettes (p 235). Sadly, however, HIV infection is likely to depress these results—while two other papers, one again from The Netherlands show how sexual behaviour among homosexual men has recently changed in response to the AIDS threat (p 215 and p 218). If most of these findings do give some grounds for optimism so does the description of how the staff at one of the several hospitals concerned coped with the M1 air disaster: "I heard it on the telly, so I came in" (p 251).