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improved (p 899). There was at least one positive outcome to the King's Cross disaster: the experience of the UCH team has led to an algorithm for the early management of inhalational injury in fire victims (p 902). Finally, another positive outcome could be readily achieved if teaching hospitals took up John Pearce's challenge to audit student teaching at district general hospitals; at the very least the lecturers should be told about the process and the outcome (p 925).