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Ethics committees and the mechanics of audit apart, there's a lot more in the *BMJ* this week. The adverse reaction to fenbufen, a rash and pulmonary eosinophilia, is a good illustration of how new clinical entities can come to light (p 82), and clearly more research is needed into the occurrence of oesophageal lesions in lichen planus (p 84). Clearly also we still need to tell our young a lot more about drug abuse: the latest of the valuable Wolverhampton surveys that have been going on over the past 20 years shows that, although knowledge has increased, there's still considerable ignorance and misunderstanding (p 99); perhaps lessons from the

teenagers smoking project might be applicable. And the value of a correspondence column is well brought out in the ding-dong over the recent paper by Paganini-Hill and her colleagues (p 116). Finally, don't miss two other items: the description by Hugh Baron on the seemingly recondite topic of how to run a medical dining club—few, however, will want to emulate the biological club at Trinity (Dublin) that postprandially fired 22 bullets at empty champagne bottles (p 110)—and the tribute to the lovable Bernard Freedman, whose *BMJ* series on words and materia paramedica (p 98) gave so much pleasure to our readers (p 113).