

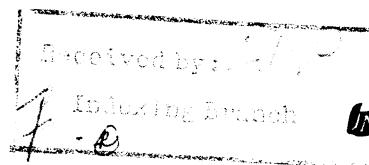
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In an issue that contains the monthly formal audit section it might seem unfair to single out work reporting audit elsewhere in the journal. Even so, the letter by Linda de Cossart and R S Kiff shows the value of reassessing old practices and putting the findings into practice (p 1273). And Dr A Káldor's view from Budapest of hypertensive hypochondria confirms that the intelligent patient is still often the best judge of his progress (p 1278), something that Skrabanek and McCormick are hardly likely to agree

with (p 1281). New findings are still there to be made, often fairly simply—for example, the greatly accelerated aging process in the joints of patients with AIDS (p 1239) and leukaemoid reactions in patients with vitamin B-12 and folate deficiency of such severity that these initially confused a Hammersmith team (p 1263). Finally, don't miss an east end medical comment on the Krays: "a gangster as hero trans-mogrification would be an absurd elevation," says David Widgery, and he should know (p 1279).