

R31, B55

# BMJ

1840-1990

/ SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1990

BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL NO 6740 VOLUME 300

INTERNATIONAL

- Editorials**
- 1601 **Inspecting the NHS**  
Trish Groves
- 1602 **Late onset asthma**  
Jon G Ayres
- 1603 **Antireflux surgery**  
T V Taylor, S Holt
- 1604 **"It isn't epilepsy is it, doctor?"**  
E M Brett
- 1606 **Perioperative deaths among children**  
Malcolm H Gough

- News**
- 1607-1610 **Hong Kong doctors · Double entry in population bookkeeping · NCEPOD: son of CEPOD · Parent held records arrive · Hospice Arts · Deprived area payments · Peace formula on clinical standards**

- Papers**
- 1611 **Predicting death from initial disease severity in very low birthweight infants: a method for comparing the performance of neonatal units**  
William Tarnow-Mordi, Simon Ogston, Andrew R Wilkinson, Elisabeth Reid, John Gregory, Mahmoud Saeed, Rosalie Wilkie
- 1615 **Genetic and early environmental components in sociodemographic influences on adult body fatness**  
T W Teasdale, Thorkild I A Sørensen, Albert J Stunkard
- 1619 **Randomised double blind trial of single dose doxycycline for treating cholera in adults**  
A N Alam, N H Alam, T Ahmed, D A Sack
- 1622 **Cervical cancers diagnosed after negative results on cervical cytology: perspective in the 1980s**  
Heather Mitchell, Gabriele Medley, Graham Giles
- 1626 **Changes in determinants of blood rheology during treatment with haemodialysis and recombinant human erythropoietin**  
Renate Koppensteiner, Felix Stockenhuber, Christian Jahn, Peter Balcke, Erich Minar, Herbert Ehringer
- 1627 **Recombinant human erythropoietin as adjuvant treatment for autologous blood donation**  
Helmuth Graf, Ursula Watzinger, Bernhard Ludvik, Andrea Wagner, Paul Höcker, Karl Konrad Zweymüller

- Practice Observed**
- 1629 **Measuring peak expiratory flow in general practice: comparison of mini Wright peak flow meter and turbine spirometer**  
Kevin P Jones, Mark A Mullee
- 1631 **Screening in Practice: Breast cancer screening and the primary care team**  
Joan Austoker

- Middles**
- 1635 **For Debate: Peer review and services for elderly patients**  
M J Denham, D Lubel
- 1636 **Labelling cosmetics with their ingredients**  
Anton C de Groot
- 1639 **ABC of Major Trauma: Thoracic trauma—I**  
Stephen Westaby, Nigel Brayley

1644-1666 **Obituary · Correspondence · BMA Affairs · Notes · Medicine and the Media · Personal View · Medicine and Books · Minerva · (in detail overleaf)**

# CONTENTS *pages 1634-1666*

1634 **Fillers** The Memoir Club

1644 **Obituary**

R S Illingworth, T E Donaldson, W H Hood, Sheila M Mullally, R P M Miles, T E Elliot, D J C Dawson, D A Birkett, K J G Milne, D R Christie, C M Fenn

1647 **Correspondence**

1647 What will happen to our freedom to refer?  
S A Hall, MRCGP

1647 Low back pain: comparison of chiropractic and hospital outpatient treatment  
G P Graham, FRCS, and others; C H Brooks, FRCS; M A Edgar, FRCS; C G Greenough, FRCS; Joyce Wise, MCSP; R Sturge, FRCP, and Fiona Bulstrode, MCSP; P Hope, MCSP; K Bush, MB; R MacDonald, MRCP; J C T Fairbank, FRCS; R M Ellis, FRCS; T W Meade, FRCP, and A O Frank, MRCP

1650 Passive smoking  
A A Wood

1650 Radiolucent dentures  
K D Roberts, FRCS

1651 Building a life  
M Roberts, MB

1651 Obstetric accidents  
S E Jenkinson, FRCGP; R Settattree, MRCOG; Sir Anthony Alment, FRCOG; R A K Jaiyesimi, MRCOG, and L C H Tang, MRCOG; Marjorie Tew; J Kelly, FRCOG

1652 Central pain  
D Bowsher, MRCPED

1652 Primary survey in major trauma  
I Calder, FCANAE

1652 Prevalence of asthma in children  
R A Shaw, MB, and others

1653 Treatment of a pancreatic tumour secreting parathyroid hormone related protein  
D Dodwell, MRCP, and others

1653 Depression and the menopause  
J W W Studd, FRCOG, and others

1653 Maternal and fetal screening for antenatal care  
R Penketh, MB, and J M Pearce, FRCOG

1654 The GP contract  
E Jones, MRCGP

1655 **BMA Affairs**

From the conferences:

1655 Juniors to be asked about industrial action on long hours

1658 GPs foresee a battle for resources in the '90s

1661 **Notes**

1662 **Medicine and the Media** Consanguineous marriage Bernadette Modell

1663 **Personal View** Pangs of general practice computing Oliver Samuel

1664 **Medicine and Books**

1644 Tony Delamothe: *The Discovery of the Art of the Insane* (J M MacGregor)

1665 J B Loudon: *Drug Use in Pregnancy: Mother and Child* (Ed I J Chasnoff)

1665 Andrew Wilkinson: *The Baby Under 1000 g* (D Harvey, R W I Cooke, G A Levitt)

1665 Noted

1666 **Minerva**

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

# BMJ

There's one bright spot this week—the NCEPOD report on children (p 1608). Though, as Malcolm Gough's editorial emphasises (p 1606), there's some way to go before surgical services for children are perfect, things have improved a lot in the past few years, and the findings are a good illustration of why audit matters, however much clinicians are beginning to mutter that it's all a waste of time. And there's more discussion using the retrospectroscope in the correspondence on obstetric accidents—notable for a restrained contribution from general practice in Bradford (criticised though it was a few weeks ago) pointing out that in the local hospital

obstetric unit three or four of the 13 junior medical staff are seriously sleep deprived (p 1651). Perhaps the BBC could do with a bit more of inward scrutiny, given that it seems to have got its recent television programme on Asian consanguineous marriages seriously wrong (p 1662). Finally, with the welcome inclusion of so many distinguished people in the birthday honours list (p 1661), one can play the game of speculating why some never make it—Ronald Illingworth, for instance, a doctor who as much as anybody left life better than he found it: perhaps the answer lay in his shyness, avoidance of politics, and puritanism (p 1644).