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The *BMJ* has been arguing the case for no fault compensation for a decade. It may thus seem perverse that in the week before a bill on no fault will have its second reading in parliament we give space to three lawyers to argue against no fault and for improving the tort system (p 230). Well, that's free speech. And to keep this important debate bubbling we have Hart repeating the case for no fault and employing a new fangled American theory to analyse why we don't have it in Britain when it's so clearly in the public interest (p 202). And

there's lots on AIDS this week. A team from St Mary's shows how the clinical picture of the disease is changing (p 203), while in the news we have an international round up of how various countries are tackling the difficult issues of doctors becoming infected with HIV or infecting others (p 195). A correspondent on p 238 reminds us that the worst problems are in Africa and describes how it may be impossible to screen blood for transfusion for HIV. Finally, flat feet (p 237): are they yet another medical myth?