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Pereira Gray argues passionately for more resources for research in general practice. AIDS features prominently in this issue: Don Jeffries argues that all hospitals should be able to give zidovudine within an hour to staff occupationally exposed to HIV (p 1349); a collection of papers shows how HIV infection is underdiagnosed and underreported (pp 1365, 1375, 1376); staff from the Royal Free describe the success of their clinic for testing for HIV and giving the results the same day (p 1383); and John Kurtz warns that adopted Romanian children may be infected with HIV and hepatitis B virus (p 1399). Finally, Brian Witcombe describes what it was like to be out of control on a bike careering down a Cotswold hill (p 1409); the piece will leave you literally breathless.