

R31 . 855

BMJ

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 1991



BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL NO 6807 VOLUME 303

INTERNATIONAL

Editorials

- 867 **Society, health, and the NHS**
Rudolf Klein
- 868 **Doctors and the Children Act**
Jane Tuke
- 869 **Aging and rationing**
J Grimley Evans
- 870 **Anaesthetics and elderly patients**
Harold T Davenport
- 871 **Corticosteroids and tuberculosis**
Martin B Allen, Nigel J Cooke
- 872 **Monkey business over AIDS vaccine**
Robin Weiss

News

- 873-878 **Jailing pregnant cocaine users · Guiding treatment · Paying Europe's doctors · GPs join NHS protest · Immunisation · Drug prices in US · BMA's health agenda · Breast examination · Dutch euthanasia · Comité Permanent meets in Madrid · Halcion ban · Perception not policy · The Week**

Papers

- 879 **Mortality from causes amenable and non-amenable to medical care: the experience of eastern Europe**
Richard James Boys, Donald Peter Forster, Péter Józán
- 884 **Chemotherapy in advanced ovarian cancer: an overview of randomised clinical trials**
Advanced Ovarian Cancer Trialists Group
- 893 **Risk of fatal coronary heart disease in familial hypercholesterolaemia**
Scientific Steering Committee on behalf of the Simon Broome Register Group
- 897 **Comparison between community drug teams with and without inbuilt medical services**
John Strang, Michael Donmall, Adrian Webster, Digby Tantam

Audit in Practice

- 898 **Is necropsy a valid monitor of clinical diagnosis performance?**
Rodolfo Saracci
- 900 **International Quality Assurance: Quality and health care in Sweden**
Peter Reizenstein
- 903 **Audit Views**
- 904 **Audit News**

Education & Debate

- 905 **A testing time for doctors: counselling patients before an HIV test**
Robert Bor, Riva Miller, Margaret Johnson
- 907 **The New NHS: six months on: Budget holding: the first 150 days in Calverton**
John Bain
- 908 **The Health of the Nation: responses**
Work related disease and injuries
J M Harrington
- 910 **Exercise**
Henry J Dargie, S Grant
- 913 **ABC of Vascular Diseases: Raynaud's syndrome and similar conditions**
M H Grigg, John H N Wolfe
- 916 **Junior Doctors: The New Deal: Manpower and hours of work agreements are complementary**
Paul D Miller
- 918 **Correction: Varicose veins**
Hobbs

- 919-934 **Obituary · Correspondence · Medicopolitical Digest · Soundings · Medicine and the Media · Personal View · Medicine and Books · Minerva · (in detail overleaf)**

919 Obituary

S Refsum, C Mason, A Brown, Joyce Wright

920 Correspondence

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>920 Preventing osteoporosis
J E Compston, FRCP; J C Stevenson, MRCP, and
M S Marsh, MRCP; R Scragg and S Murphy;
Alison Avenell, MRCP; F P Cappuccio, MD, and
G A MacGregor, FRCP; R B Mazess, PhD; M R Law,
MRCP, and others</p> <p>922 Accidental ingestion of methadone
Elizabeth Molyneux and others</p> <p>923 Orthopaedic surgeons and thromboprophylaxis
J R Loudon, FRCS; B M Wroblewski, FRCS;
R Collins, MB; P D Triffitt, FRCS</p> <p>924 Pneumothorax after fine needle aspiration of the
breast
J Stevenson, FRCS, and others; L H Stewart, FRCSED;
J M Dixon, FRCS</p> <p>924 Blood pressure and myocardial infarction
L O Simpson</p> <p>924 Improving survival after large bowel cancer
S Whitaker, FRCP</p> | <p>925 Adenoma screening and colorectal cancer
C B Williams, FRCP, and others</p> <p>925 Pyoderma gangrenosum
A J G McDonagh, MRCP, and others</p> <p>925 Surgeons and hepatitis B
M H Gough, FRCS, and B F Ribeiro, FRCS</p> <p>925 Taxation of alcoholic beverages
L Gordon</p> <p>926 How to pay for expensive drugs
S Ash, MRCP</p> <p>926 Health of the nation
J G Avery, FFCM; A St J Dixon, FRCP</p> <p>926 Consultants in communicable disease control
Mary E Black, MRCP; E B P Wiratunga, MFCM;
G R Hamilton, MFPHM, and others; Elizabeth
Haworth, MFCM, and Rosalind Stanwell-Smith,
MFCM</p> <p>927 Locum consultants
J D A Robb, FRCS</p> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

928 Medicopolitical Digest

Chairman of council meets the PM · SRM to debate NHS reforms · Consultants speak out at disadvantages of trusts · Evidence of falling morale · Minister's commitment to review bodies · ECR guidance stays

930 Soundings

- 930 With contents Colin Douglas
930 "My way of joking is to tell the truth" David Widgery

931 Medicine and the Media

- 931 Sigmund Freud superstar Peter Waugh
931 Unspoken messages Anthony M de L Costello

932 Personal View

- 932 Sickness benefits Robert Wilkins

933 Medicine and Books

- 933 Angela Coulter: *Measuring Health: A Review of Quality of Life Measurement Scales* (A Bowling)
933 Helen M Kingston: *The London Neurogenetics Database* (M Baraitser, R M Winter)

934 Minerva

EDITOR'S CHOICE

BMJ

The coming together of Europe has been one of the most exciting developments in recent years, and most national organisations within individual European nations recognise that their future lies in Europe. This week's journal is bristling with European articles. Authors from Britain and Hungary report on p 879 on how all cause mortality has not declined in eastern and central Europe as it has in western Europe and suggest that eastern countries should put high priority on improving the environment and promoting healthier lifestyles. Peter Reizenstein from Sweden opens a new series on international quality assurance by noting that the Swedes have come to medical audit only recently (p 900): he observes drily that the Japanese think that Volvos are such good cars because each is made

twice and that it's better to do it right the first time. Rodolfo Saracci from France makes observations on drawing conclusions from necropsies that will be applicable everywhere; reports on our news pages cover meetings in Madrid (p 877) and Brussels (p 874) and developments with euthanasia in the Netherlands (p 877); a musical called *Freudiana* currently running in Vienna is reviewed (p 931); and Lord Walton writes an obituary of the famous Norwegian neurologist Sigvald Refsum (p 919). But in the last analysis the *BMJ* aims at being truly global, and David Gillen reports on how immunisation of children around the world has risen from a coverage of 5% in 1974 to over 80% now (p 875), and a review of a related television programme (p 931) points out that immunisation is now "going gangbusters."