

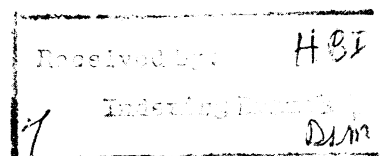
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The death of children is the theme of this week's journal. In the rich world cot death is one of the commonest causes of death in infants, and two papers (pp 277 and 282) and an editorial (p 265) look at, among other issues, how babies who sleep prone have a much increased incidence of cot death. In the poor world it is infection and poverty that kill some 15 million children a year. A meta-analysis on p 287 suggests that oral rehydration salt solutions based on rice are better than those based on glucose for treating the diarrhoea of cholera but have a smaller advantage in treating other sorts of diarrhoea. Meanwhile, a fascinating study from Senegal confirms that mortality from measles is higher when the disease is transmitted from children of the opposite sex (p 284). The explanation might be cultural but is probably biological and something to do with viruses taking sex determinants from host cells.

We begin today a series of articles responding to the BMA's document *Leading for Health*; the last will be

published in the week of the special representative meeting to discuss the document. First on to the platform is Jack Howell, who disputes the document's assertion that the high principles of the NHS are being eroded (p 297). His argument might in its turn be questioned by the makers of two programmes reviewed on our Medicine and the Media pages, which look at the collapse of some NHS services (p 323). Brice Pitt believes that a *Panorama* programme made the case that the NHS is failing to provide adequate care for elderly demented patients.

Finally, the last in our series on the environment is published (p 299), and in an accompanying editorial Tony Delamothe reminds us why the despoliation of the planet matters particularly to doctors (p 268): it matters not only because of our responsibility for the public health but also because of our duty to answer questions patients are asking today about whether it is safe to swim in the sea, drink tap water, and cycle through polluted streets. The book of the series will be published in the summer.