

BMJ

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 1992

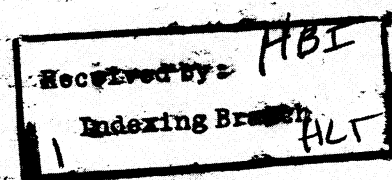


BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL NO 6826 VOLUME 304

INTERNATIONAL

Editorials

- 517 **Labour's health policy**
Rudolf Klein
- 518 **Accreditation after Goldstein**
Stephen Brearley
- 519 **Any better? Outcome measures in medical audit**
Alison Frater, David Costain
- 520 **Extensible bandages**
Charles McCollum
- 521 **The fast of Ramadan**
Awad H Rashed
- 522 **Noise induced hearing loss**
P W Alberti



News

- 523-528 **Primary care in the US · Low dose radiation · Ireland and extraterritorial abortion · Canadian Medical Association bans drug lunches · Compromise on breast implants · Britain's health manifestos · New disability living allowance · Sheep to produce α_1 -antitrypsin · The Fib-Lab solution · The Week**

Papers

- 529 **Deprivation and general practitioner workload**
R Balarajan, P Yuen, D Machin
- 534 **Screening for cervical cancer by direct inspection**
Veena Singh, Ashok Sehgal, Usha K Luthra
- 536 **Non-employment and changes in smoking, drinking, and body weight**
Joan K Morris, Derek G Cook, A Gerald Shaper
- 541 **Relation of bronchioloalveolar carcinoma to tobacco**
Alfredo Morabia, Ernst L Wynder
- 544 **Survey of mal de débarquement**
Carlos R Gordon, Orna Spitzer, Avi Shupak, Ilana Doweck
- 544 **Ranitidine, aspirin, food, and the stomach**
A T Cole, S Brundell, N Hudson, A B Hawthorne, Y R Mahida, C J Hawkey
- 545 **Lipoprotein(a) in cirrhosis**
J Feely, M Barry, P W N Keeling, D G Weir, T Cooke
- 546 **Do senior registrars have adequate management training?**
E M Gadd, M F Fletcher
- 548 **Drug points: Stillbirth due to intravenous amphetamine J C Dearlove, T J Betteridge · Overdose of yohimbine S Varkey · Fatal toxic epidermal necrolysis associated with etretinate Andrew McIvor**

General Practice

- 549 **Need for open access non-screening mammography in a hospital with a specialist breast clinic service**
J J Curtin, M A Sampson
- 552 **Lithium treatment: prescribing and monitoring habits in hospital and general practice**
R F Kehoe, A J Mander

Education & Debate

- 555 **Palaeoepidemiology of schistosoma infection in mummies**
R L Miller, G J Armelagos, S Ikram, N De Jonge, F W Krijger, A M Deelder
- 556 **Romanian health and social care system for children and families: future directions in health care reform**
Children's Health Care Collaborative Study Group
- 559 **For Debate: Laparoscopic or minilaparotomy cholecystectomy?**
J N Baxter, P J O'Dwyer
- 561 **Medicine in Europe: Nursing in Europe**
Kirsten Stallknecht
- 563 **Russian report: priorities for the new health minister**
Michael Ryan
- 565 **Lesson of the Week: Recurrent aspiration due to Arnold-Chiari type I malformation**
Kalyanee M Nathadwarawala, Catherine A L Richards, B Lawrie, G O Thomas, C M Wiles
- 566 **Leading for Health: responses: Which model for delivering care?**
K A M Grant

- 569-584 **Obituary · Correspondence · Medicopolitical Digest · Soundings · Personal View · Medicine and Books · Medicine and the Media · Minerva · (in detail overleaf)**

CONTENTS pages 569-584

551 **Filler** Update box for *Oxford Handbook of Clinical Medicine* T J Hodgetts

569 **Obituary**

R M Davies, W R Cambridge, J A Elliot, T H Anderson, R M Macneill, G B D Scott, T Hughes, W Hogg, Correction (Christie)

571 **Correspondence**

- | | |
|---|---|
| 571 Functions of the Clinical Standards Advisory Group
G Higginson | 574 Diagnosing Alzheimer's disease
R E Butler and others |
| 571 Quality of drinking water
J Richards and others | 575 General practitioners and skin biopsy
F H J Rampen |
| 571 Health and the environment: pesticides
A Watterson and H Thomas | 575 Deciding whether to be a doctor
J C Pandit; B Harvey |
| 572 Health risks associated with bathing in sea water
A J Hall and L C Rodrigues; R Balarajan and others | 575 Child health surveillance lists
A Evans and others |
| 572 Unnecessary radiology
G deLacey and A McQueen | 576 Medical negligence
M Rosen |
| 573 Risk of Down's syndrome and amniocentesis rate
M C M Macintosh | 576 Patients' views of the patient's charter
M Lees and others |
| 573 Medical abortion
P Doherty; A P Cole | 576 Doctors and Desert Storm
D Myers |
| 573 The Hillsborough tragedy
E D Grech and others; A Page | 577 FHSA medical advisers
A Harris; D E Pickersgill |
| 574 Low blood pressure, low mood?
C Pritchard | 577 Distinction awards
M Ashley-Miller |
| 574 Unexpected problems with patient controlled analgesia
M Farmer and N J N Harper | 577 Vincent van Gogh's illness
K R Jamison and R J Wyatt |
| 574 Ocular injuries from boxing
A Whiteson | 577 Correction Deaths from haemolytic disease of the newborn in 1990 (Hussey and Clarke) |

578 **Medicopolitical Digest**

GPs' anger at 3% fee increase · Purchasing powers · Fundholding scheme expands · Higher health targets

579 **Soundings** For all the saints Colin Douglas; Left hands George Dunea

580 **Personal View** Motherhood: consulted and compared Sian Williams

581 **Medicine and Books**

- 581 Leslie J Findley: *Battle Exhaustion. Soldiers and Psychiatrists in the Canadian Army 1939-1945* (T Copp, B McAndrew)
- 581 J C Bignall: *The Soft Edges of Family Practice* (C Ellis)
- 581 Margaret Cooter: *The Oxford Dictionary for Scientific Writers and Editors* (Ed A Isaacs, J Daintith, E Martin)
- 582 Best books on dermatology: a personal choice Andrew Y Finlay

583 **Medicine and the Media** Press field day over abortion Killian Robinson

584 **Minerva**

EDITOR'S CHOICE

BMJ

Unemployment and the organisation of health care should loom large in the coming general election in Britain, and both are covered in this week's journal. It is now well established that unemployment kills, and the research challenge is to work out how. Joan Morris and others show (p 536) in a longitudinal study that the increased alcohol consumption and smoking that have been seen among unemployed men in cross sectional studies are present before the men lose their jobs—but they do put on weight after becoming unemployed. Last week saw the publication of the proposals for the health service of the Labour party and the Liberal Democrats (p 526). Rudolf Klein analyses Labour's proposals and finds, beneath the rhetoric, some continuities between its plans and those of the government (p 517). In his political comment Jack Warden points out that the similarities between the proposals made by the two opposition parties may be important if Britain ends up with a hung parliament (p 528). Ken Grant, meanwhile, takes the long view on the various models of delivering health care (p 566).

Whichever party wins the election, the recently formed Clinical Standards Advisory Group will presumably continue, and Sir Gordon Higginson, its first chairman, lays out in a letter on p 571 exactly what it will be doing. But whatever the problems of the British health service, they are as nought compared with those of the Romanian and Russian services—both of which are described this week (pp 556 and 563).

A development in this issue is the reappearance of drug points in a different form (p 548): formerly published at the end of the correspondence section, they will now appear after the short reports. Finally, we publish (p 569) an obituary of J A Elliot in the form of a poem by his son, a much published poet. Reflecting on his father's childhood Alistair Elliot writes:

The books may well survive. The one I'd like,
perhaps on a tray in the rain now, marked "10p,"
is *Vanity Fair*, in which the boy got stuck
half up the tree of knowledge. I would look
for the words he read, to everybody's glee,
"He was a man of charming gravy-tea."