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Pack sizes and Basic NHS cost:
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Prescribing Information
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Prescribing Information: Packaging: Poccks containing 4 x 5 ml white freeze-dried material (venom) from either honey bee or wasp, together with 4 x 5 ml of NSA diluent (normal serum albumin). Each vial of venom contains 100 μg of venom per ml when reconstituted with 1.2 ml of NSA diluent. Also packs of 10 x 4.5 ml NSA diluent. 

Uses: Diagnosis and treatment of allergy to insect stings. 

Dosage & Administration: To establish starting dose for desensitization, thicken by 'modified pred-nast'. If no reaction occurs, injections for desensitization are given subcutaneously. A 'Modified Rush' schedule is recommended. For full details see the package insert, which must be read before use. 

Contra-Indications: Other serious immunological illnesses, in children, and pregnancy. Pregnancy is not an absolute contra-indication, but the risk to a fetus of a possibleaphrodisiac reaction must be considered. 

Precautions: To be used on the advice of a specialist. Full sterile procedure to be followed for injections. A 1 ml graduated syringe is recommended. Avoid intravascular injection - check by aspiration of syringe. With insect sting allergies, there is a slight possibility of anaphylactic or generalized reaction following an injection - the patient must be kept under observation for at least one hour after each injection, until facilities for treating such reactions (e.g. adrenaline injection) should be immediately available. 

Side Effects: Local allergic reactions or more rarely, generalized allergic reactions. If a reaction occurs, the dose should be modified according to the dosage schedule given in the package insert. 

Pharmaceutical Precautions: Store at 2-8°C. Shelf life is 2 years for both freeze-dried venom and NSA diluent. After reconstitution solutions for vaccination have a shelf life of 4 weeks at 2-8°C. Venom in solution and NSA diluent must not be frozen. 

Legal Category: POM. Product licence numbers: PL 0009/0024 (Bee Venom, with diluent), PL 0009/0025 (Wasp Venom, with diluent).
It is therefore particularly encouraging that 74% of patients in this study reported that they were much less tired, more energetic, more active physically and more mentally relaxed than when on their previous antihypertensive therapy.

The antihypertensive

TRANDATE'S BALANCED MODE OF ACTION

Trandate has a mode of action that is different from that of any other currently available antihypertensive agent. It provides the benefits of both beta-blockade and peripheral vasodilatation. And in just one drug.

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This beta-blockade protects the heart from the reflex sympathetic drive which is normally induced by peripheral vasodilatation thus blood pressure is lowered, but without cardiac stimulation. And because this beta-blockade is competitive, cardiac output is not significantly reduced at rest or after moderate exercise.

Thus Trandate is able to restore a more normal circulation.

SMOOTHING PEAKS IN BLOOD PRESSURE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND NIGHT

The normal changes in blood pressure as a result of stress, exercise and circadian variation can be harmful to the hypertensive patient placing additional stress on an already strained cardiovascular system.

Trandate smoothes
potentially harmful peaks throughout the whole 24 hour period and controls blood pressure effectively during the early morning surge.

complications of raised plasma lipid levels in hypertensive patients treated with beta-blockers it would appear more appropriate to use antihypertensive drugs which do not cause such changes. \textit{(Trandate)} appears to be such a drug."\textsuperscript{6}

\textbf{USEFUL IN PATIENTS WITH IMPAIRED RENAL FUNCTION}

Trandate is particularly useful in the hypertensive patient with impaired renal function.\textsuperscript{4} "The drug did not seem to cause any significant deterioration in the GFR of those patients whose renal function was monitored closely, and in the majority of those whose renal functional impairment was due to hypertension alone a considerable improvement in GFR was observed."\textsuperscript{5}

\textbf{EMPLOYING A SIMPLE DOSAGE REGIMEN}

Initial dosage is simple. 100 or 200mg of Trandate twice daily with food is adequate to control hypertension in many patients. Trandate therapy can be tailored to meet patient requirements by adjustment of dosage rather than by changing to, or adding in, other drugs. The majority of patients will be controlled at daily doses of up to 600mg. Higher doses may be required in more resistant cases.

\textbf{WITHOUT ELEVATING PLASMA LIPIDS}

It is also reassuring to know that Trandate does not cause a rise in plasma lipid levels. "Until we know the long-term

\textbf{WITHOUT RESTRICTING LIFESTYLE}

What Trandate offers your patients is effective control of their blood pressure without burdening them with additional problems that may restrict their everyday life.
Upjohn travelling fellowships 1981

Administered by The Royal College of General Practitioners.

The Upjohn Travelling Fellowships are awards of money made to enable General Practitioners to undertake postgraduate study of their own choosing. The Fellowships are funded by Upjohn Limited and administered by the R.C.G.P. which selects successful candidates.

The Fellowships are open to registered medical practitioners working in general practice in UK and Republic of Ireland and who have not held an Upjohn Fellowship within the previous five years.

Postgraduate study may be carried out within the British Isles and awards must be used to finance such study. Courses available under Section 63 NHS Act (1968) should not be considered.

Application Forms, further information and Conditions of Acceptance may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU. Closing date for Application is 19th June 1981.
THE MSD FOUNDATION

Audiovisual Programmes for General Practitioner Training

The MSD Foundation is an independent charity which produces audiovisual material for use in general practitioner training. Each programme is designed for use with small groups of doctors and paperwork is provided to help the group leader use the programme.

Our 1981 Catalogue includes new videocassette and tape/slide programmes on the following topics:

- The patient dying at home — videocassette: The Case of Dorothy Parsons
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- The Management of the Arthritic Patient — a videocassette in two parts
- Doctor at work — Dr Paul Freeling (see below)

PROGRAMME OF THE MONTH

DOCTOR AT WORK: DR PAUL FREELING

A videocassette, containing two general practice consultations.

Few doctors see their colleagues at work in the general practice consultation. And even when they do, so much is happening on so many levels that the observer is often at a loss without access to the doctor’s thought processes. In this programme, Dr Paul Freeling, Reader in General Practice at St. George’s Hospital Medical School, analyses one of his own consultations, recorded at random in his surgery, and attempts to describe some of the ‘dicta’ that govern his consulting style. This is followed by another of Dr Freeling’s consultations, without analysis.

This programme is suitable for groups of general practitioners of any degree of experience. It is designed to focus attention on the differences that exist in style and purpose amongst different general practitioners, and to encourage doctors to analyse their own consultations.

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**SCHO-ROMFORD GENERAL PRACTICE VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Applications are invited for a post in a three-year General Practice Vocational Training Scheme in the Barking and Havering Area commencing 1 February 1981.

There are two years in hospital posts followed by one year in general practice with an option of one month in a practice before commencing the three-year period. There is a fully structured half-day release course covering the full three-year period.

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Trainees are given ample opportunities to meet their colleagues from other vocational training schemes and there is a regional trainee organization. Trainees will be appointed to the Senior House Officer grade in accident and emergency, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics and psychiatry. The jobs are recognized for DCH, DRCOG and MRCP.

Applications, giving full name, age and marital status together with curriculum vitae, to:

District Personnel Administrator
Oldchurch Hospital
Romford, Essex

Closing date: 5 November 1980.

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**THE CONSULTATION LEARNING AND TEACHING**

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A course will be held at the Belfry Hotel, near Oxford, which will help general practitioners to improve the effectiveness of their consultations. It will also help participants to teach others.

The group leaders are all course organizers in the Oxford region.

Cost £64 includes accommodation and meals (Section 63 approval applied for).

Further details from Dr P. B. Havelock, Hawthorn, Bourne End, Bucks.

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**CARE IN THE COMMUNITY CHALLENGING NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONALS**

8 — 12 June 1981

Lay people have enormous and often untapped potential to cope with many of the social and health problems which are at present off-loaded onto professionals. Professionals can play an important new role in helping to release this potential.

The first of a series of inter-disciplinary workshops in different venues will be held at the Cherwell Centre, Oxford. The workshop will focus on the experiences of the leading British pilot initiatives in this field.

In view of the limited places available, doctors, health professionals, social and community workers, clergy and others are invited to apply at an early date to: Stan Windsor, The Rookery, Addersbury, Banbury, Oxon. Tel: 0295-810993.

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**BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION**

**BEHAVIOURAL PSYCHOTHERAPY IN GENERAL PRACTICE**

Two-day residential course for general practitioners, recognized under Section 63, to be held at The Old Rectory, Fittleworth, Pulborough, Sussex, 29 September—1 October 1981.

Practical aspects of behavioural treatment relevant to general practice will be emphasized. After the course participants will be encouraged to take on patients and attend supervisory sessions at St George’s Hospital Medical School.

Course tutors will be Dr J. Cobb (consultant psychiatrist), Dr R. France (general practitioner) and Professor A. Mathews (clinical psychologist).

The course will be limited to 20 participants and the closing date for applications is 31 July 1981.

For further details and application forms please contact Mrs I. M. Hopson Scott, General Practitioner Department, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 14 Ulster Place, London NW1 5HD. Tel: 01-935 8173.
SUPPLEMENT TO THE JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Prescribing in general practice

The cost of the drugs prescribed by British general practitioners now exceeds the cost of the doctors' own income and expenses combined. The number of prescriptions for psychotropic drugs has doubled between 1964 and 1974 and the applications of prescribing in general practice are bedevilled by factors quite unrelated to clinical pharmacology, such as the symbolic use of drugs, patient and doctor expectations and attitudes, and pressures from advertising.

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Prescribing in General Practice is one of the most comprehensive booklets ever issued on prescribing in British general practice; it was published as a Supplement to this Journal and sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Prescribing in General Practice is available now from 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU, price £3.00, post free.

SELECTED PAPERS FROM THE EIGHTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAMILY MEDICINE

Occasional Paper 10

World conferences on family medicine are held only every two years and it is not easy for those who have not been able to attend them to keep in touch with new ideas around the world. This report of the Eighth World Conference held in Montreux contains a selection of 13 articles from 11 countries and five continents and demonstrates some of the important new ideas discussed at Montreux.

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Selected Papers from the Eighth World Conference on Family Medicine, Occasional Paper 10, is available now, price £3.75 including postage, from the Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU. Payment should be made with order.

AN INVITATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE

The General Secretary of the King Faisal International Prize, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, has the honour to invite universities, academies, educational institutions and research centres all over the world to nominate qualified candidates for the King Faisal International Prize for Medicine in the field of PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, which will be awarded in January 1982.

The prize consists of:
1. A certificate containing an abstract of the prize-winning work.
2. A medal.
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The prize will be awarded to the recipient in a special ceremony in Riyadh. Nominees must comply with the following conditions:
1. A nominee must have accomplished an outstanding academic work in the field of primary health care, to the benefit of mankind.
2. The work submitted must have already been printed and published. An accompanying Arabic abstract is preferred if it is published in any other language.
3. The work must have been carried out according to the principles of scientific research and study.
4. The work submitted must not have previously been awarded a prize by any educational institution, scientific organization or foundation.
5. The nomination must be submitted by a recognized educational institution, such as a university, academy or research centre. Nominations submitted by individuals and political parties will not be accepted.
6. The nominations must give full particulars of the nominee's academic background, experience and/or publications, copies of his educational certificates and three 6 x 9 cm photographs.
7. Ten copies of the nomination are to be sent by registered airmail to the General Secretariat, King Faisal International Prize, P.O. Box 352, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
8. The last date for submission of nominations is 19 August 1981. Nomination papers received after this date will not be considered unless the award of the prize is postponed.
9. Nomination papers or works will not be returned.
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