In the Journal this month

541 Education and training for general practice: Royal College of General Practitioners’ policy statement  
W McN Styles

543 Polarities in medicine  
Joseph Herman

545 Measuring functional health status in primary care using the COOP–WONCA charts: acceptability, range of scores, construct validity, reliability and sensitivity to change  
Paul Kinnersley, Tim Peters and Nigel Stott

551 Exploratory study of general practitioners’ orientations to general practice and responses to change  
Roland Petchey

557 Fundholders’ referral patterns and perceptions of service quality in hospital provision of elective general surgery  
David K Whynes and Geoffrey Reed

561 Glaucoma screening clinic in general practice: prevalence of occult disease, and resource implications  
James H Sheldrick and Andrew J H Sharp

567 Annual assessments of patients aged 75 years and over: views and experiences of elderly people  
Carolyn A Chew, David Wilkin and Caroline Glendinning

571 Longitudinal trends in prescribing for elderly patients: two surveys four years apart  
Roger H Rumble and Kevin Morgan

577 Near patient testing in general practice: attitudes of general practitioners and practice nurses, and quality assurance procedures carried out  
Sean Hilton, Elizabeth Rink, Joy Fletcher, Bonnie Sibbald, Paul Freeling, Ala Szczepura, Carol Davies and John Stilwell

583 Do patients read health promotion posters in the waiting room? A study in one general practice  
K Ward and K Hawthorne

587 Detection and prevention of treatable visual failure in general practice: room for improvement?  
Andrew Fink, Lesley Wright and Richard Wormald

590 Letters

594 Book and video review

595 Classified advertisements

RCGP Connection pull-out magazine included for members

ISSN 0960-1643