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For further information please contact:
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Royal College of General Practitioners
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RCGP COLLEGE AWARDS
The Awards Committee will be meeting on 3 June 1998 and nominations are also sought for this year's College Awards. A full list of awards is now available in the new booklet College Awards on request. This gives details of all College Awards: both by nomination and competition.

THE JOHN FRY AWARD
Nominations are sought for the 1998 John Fry Award. This award is in the form of a silver medal which is presented at the College AGM. It is presented to a younger Member or Fellow of the College who has promoted the discipline of General Practice through research and publishing as a practising GP. Nominations for the Award should be made in confidence to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London, SW7 1PU. They should include supporting information on the work of the nominee aged 45 years or younger at the closing date of the award and should be accompanied by a submission from the nominating/sponsoring College member, together with an additional letter of support. Additional details are available from the Clerk to the Awards Committee at the College for those interested in the Award.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 April 1998

THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION AWARD
Nominations are sought for the 1998 Patient Participation Award. The award which is to the value of £1000 is to be used either to benefit the patients of a practice or to further patient participation in the UK. Applications or nominations may be accepted from any member of the practice team, patient group, or patient of a practice. For a copy of the criteria please contact the Clerk to the Awards Committee.

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THE BILL STYLES MEMORIAL AWARD
The Royal College of General Practitioners invites applications for this year’s Bill Styles Memorial Award. The Bill Styles Memorial Award is to be presented to a younger Member or Associate of the College. It is intended to encourage younger general practitioners to further their education either within the UK or by travel abroad. Applicants must be Members or Associates of the Royal College of General Practitioners and aged 35 years or younger at the closing date of the award.

The award takes the form of a project grant which will be awarded in two stages: half at the Annual General Meeting of the College in November and half on completion of the final report. A certificate signed by the President and Chairman will be presented along with the cheque at the AGM. Additional details and criteria are available from the Clerk to the Awards Committee.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 June 1998

Further details and application form available from: Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London, SW7 1PU. Tel: 0171 581 3232. Fax: 0171 589 3145.
Catherine Messent, Clerk of the Awards Committee - Ext 246. Email: cmessent@rcgp.org.uk.
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If a patient, child or adult, is affected by more than one of the following conditions, think about the possible presence of primary immunodeficiency.

1. Eight or more ear infections within 1 year
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3. Two or more pneumonias within 1 year
4. Recurrent, deep skin or organ abscesses
5. Two or more deep-seated infections such as meningitis, osteomyelitis, cellulitis, or sepsis
6. Surgical intervention for chronic infection such as keratoconjunctivitis, tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy, recurrent insertion of grommets or recurrent incision of boils
7. Two or more months on antibiotics with little effect
8. Persistent thrush in mouth or elsewhere on skin, after age 1
9. Failure of an infant to gain weight or grow normally
10. A family history of primary immunodeficiency

Patients with a possible primary immunodeficiency deserve referral to an immunology clinic.

If you require information about primary immunodeficiency or the address of the nearest immunology clinic the PIA can help.

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