

**there's more  
to hypertension  
than meets the eye**



**'All raised arterial pressure of any degree  
will damage the kidney inevitably, and  
the longer the hypertension persists, the  
more damage occurs.'**

*Practitioner, 1964, 193, 14 (Jul)*



The damage caused by hypertension  
is evidenced by the illustrations of  
corrosion specimens of (left) a  
kidney in a case of hypertension,  
and (right) a normal kidney.  
*Drawings by courtesy of Paul Peck.*



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system the patient with the early appointment should have been seen and have left the premises by the time the later patients arrive so that theoretically five or six patients may use one parking space during one hour. However we all know how surgeries run late, patients arrive early or without appointments and also attend to make appointments or collect prescriptions. Perhaps as a compromise the parking spaces per 1,000 patients calculated could be halved where a full appointment system is practised, and 1 to 1.5 parking spaces per 1,000 patients should suffice.

These suggestions cannot be made dogmatically or didactically and represent one individual's appraisal of the problem. General practice must be as variable as its practitioners, but the future trend seems to be towards larger establishments, many purpose-built, perhaps by local authorities. Our survey suggests that to ignore the problem of patients' parking would be improvident and may provide a basis for negotiation between general practitioners and local authorities.

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