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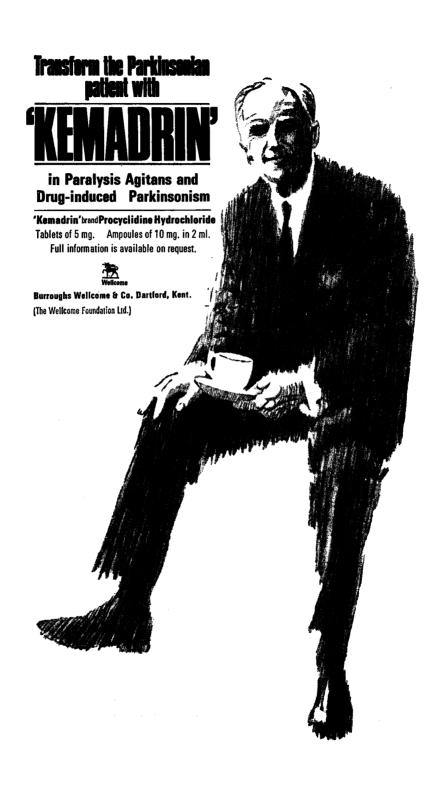
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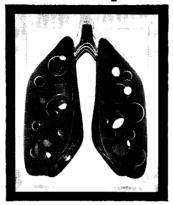
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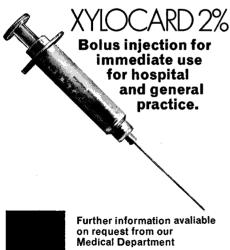
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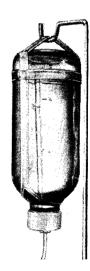
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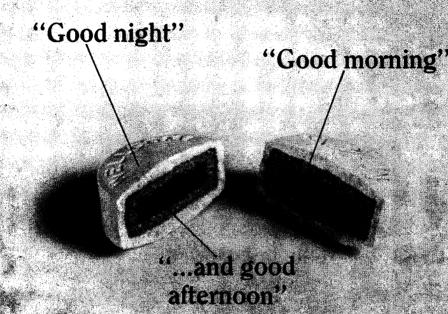
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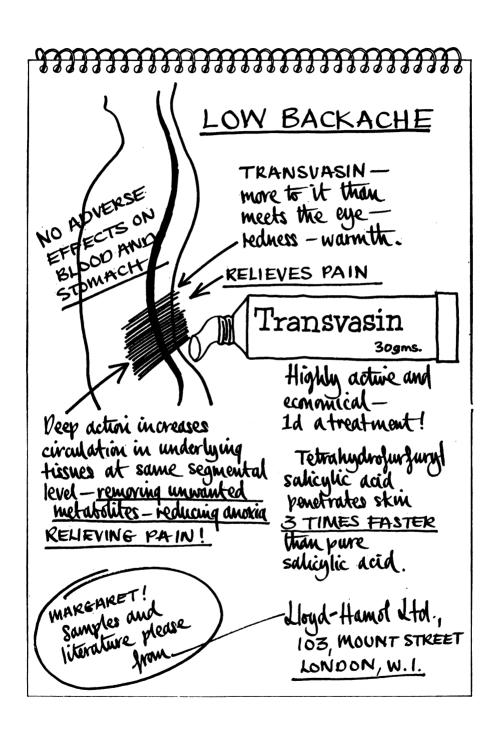
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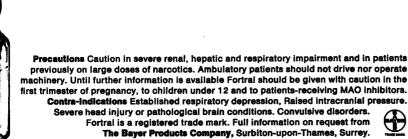


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Conclusions

The advantage of such a chart is that any variations from the normal is more easily discernible. Although there are less home confinements carried out by general practitioners today, there is more antenatal care, with the patient being referred back to the hospital at the 32nd or 34th week. The chart may be sent to the hospital with the patient. It could be completed in hospital and a flimsy photocopy returned to the general practitioner for his records. The front and back of the form could be similar to the EC24 R/2 form, or perhaps these also could be revised. My charts may not be the most acceptable, and the squares are on the small size, but I do feel that charting the findings we obtain at antenatal examinations is a much more satisfactory way of recording results.

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