

MEDICAL**RECORDING SERVICE FOUNDATION**

A series of tapes on problem-oriented medical records is now available and would be valuable for every general practitioner who is looking at the reorganisation of his record keeping.

- 73-23** *Problem oriented medical records*—Dr Neil McIntyre. A basic description of what the POMR is all about. 20 illustrations, 31 mins.
- 73-10** *Problem-oriented medical records*—Can it be done in general practice?—Dr Larry Weed and Dr Ian Tait. Dr Weed in a studio discussion challenges the traditional general practitioner's way of notekeeping. One handout, 27 mins.
- 73-22** *Problem-oriented medical records in general practice*—Dr David Metcalfe. Shows how it is done. 36 illustrations. 38 mins.

A series of tapes on epidemiology has been produced by the Department of Clinical Epidemiology of St Thomas's Hospital,

London which could be used by general practitioners and their ancillary staff.

72/90 to 72/94 *Epidemiological methods*—Dr M. Clarke and Dr C. Florey—5 tapes.

72/122 to 72/125 *Chronic Bronchitis*—Professor W. Holland—4 tapes.

The tape of the month for October is **70/63** *Management of asthma in the child*—Dr Monica McAllen and for November is **69/9** *Aggression* by Dr R. F. Tredgold.

For full details of the tapes listed above write to: Medical Recording Service Foundation, Kitts Croft, Writtle, Chelmsford CM1 3EH or telephone Chelmsford 421 475.

In Memoriam

J. I. BORG, Zejtun, Malta.

I. C. BOYD, Crieff, Perthshire.

J. H. NEWMARK, Cheam, Surrey.

I. S. PATEL, Mombasa, Kenya.

A. H. RINTOUL (Foundation member), Crieff, Perthshire.

MARY E. YUILL, Marple, Cheshire.

MEDICAL NEWS**REGIONAL ADVISER**

Dr George H. C. Melotte, F.R.C.G.P., has been appointed Regional Adviser in general practice to the North-west Metropolitan Region.

Dr Melotte graduated at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where he won the Harvey prize in physiology and the Willatt medal for surgery. He has been adviser in general practice to St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College since 1963 and is a College Tutor.

Dr Melotte has been a member of Council of the College since 1970 and is at present honorary secretary of the practice organisation committee.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY

Dr Michael Drury, F.R.C.G.P., of Bromsgrove, has been appointed Clarkson Senior Clinical Tutor in General Practice at the University of Birmingham. Dr Drury will be responsible for developing a sub-department of general practice within the department of medicine at this university.

**ORTHO AWARD FOR
MEDICAL JOURNALISM**

Dr Michael O'Donnell, Editor of *World Medicine*, has been awarded the 1973 Ortho award for medical journalism and £500. This award was announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Medical Journalists' Association and specifies Dr O'Donnell's work during a period of several years but especially during 1972. The 1972 award was won by John Prince of the *Daily Telegraph*.

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
REORGANISATION BILL**

The National Health Service Reorganisation Bill received the Royal Assent in July 1973, exactly 25 years after the National Health Service Act 1946 came into operation.

**COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONS
SUPPLEMENTARY TO MEDICINE**

The Privy Council has appointed Sir Norman Lindop, Director of Hatfield Polytechnic, to succeed Mr Charles Scholefield, Q.C. as

Chairman of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine.

AREA HEALTH BOARDS IN SCOTLAND

Dr T. L. Henderson, F.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.G.P., of Grantown-on-Spey has been appointed to the Highland Health Board and Dr A. F. Catto, M.R.C.G.P., of Forfar, has been appointed to the Tayside board.

WORLD ORGANISATION OF NATIONAL COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS/FAMILY PHYSICIANS

A working party has been formed on several topics and the provisional convenors have now been appointed as follows:

Emergency call

Dr J. Peter Bush, 60 Blackburn Road, Blackburn 3130, Australia.

Evaluation-examination

Dr W. E. Fabb, 254 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002, Australia.

Medical records

Dr E. J. Kowalewski, Family Practice Program, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, U.S.A.

Psychological medicine

Dr Peter Stone, 56 Auburn Road, Hawthorn, Victoria 3122, Australia.

Research—international classification of diseases

Dr Robert Westbury, 4012 Comanche Road, Calgary, Alberta T2L 0N8, Canada.

Research—general

Dr R. J. F. H. Pinsent, 139 Hagley Road, Birmingham B19 1LH, England.

Teaching—training teachers

Dr H. B. Curry, Department of Family Practice, Medical University of South Carolina, 80 Barre Street, Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON GENERAL PRACTICE/FAMILY MEDICINE

The sixth world conference on general practice/family medicine will be held in Mexico City, Mexico from 4–8 November 1974. All members of the medical profession are entitled to register.

The General Assembly of the World Organisation of National Colleges and Academies of General Practice (WONCA) will be held on 6 November 1974.

NEW HEARING AIDS

The Secretary of State for the Social Services announced in July 1973 that a new behind-

the-ear hearing aid would be available for hospital-based hearing services. It would be supplied free of charge to all adults for whom it was suitable and for children who already receive this type of aid. It is estimated that the numbers involved may exceed one million and it is hoped to begin issuing the aids in the Autumn of 1974, and to complete the operation over five years.

REMUNERATION

The third report of the Halsbury Review Body has recommended a new consultant scale with effect from 1 April 1973 to be £5,085 rising to £7,599, the new senior registrar scale to be £3,363 to £4,395 and the new house officer scale £1,914 to £2,208.

The increase in fees and allowances proposed is designed to increase the average remuneration of general practitioners by £240 to £5,750 in the year 1973–74. The Review Body accepted a figure of £2,200 as an estimate of practice expenses in the year 1972–73. The percentage increase in remuneration for the average general medical practitioner is 4.4 per cent.

The Department of Health and Social Security has accepted the supplement to the third report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' remuneration dealing with the salaries of doctors in community medicine. These salaries are: Regional Medical Officers (in regions over 3.5 million population) £9,645 to £10,248; Regional Medical Officers (in regions under 3.5 million population) £9,327 to £9,930; Area Medical Officers (in areas over 800,000 population) £8,553 to £9,354; Area Medical Officers (in areas 450,000 to 800,000 population) £8,166 to £8,967; Area Medical Officers (in areas 150,000 to 450,000 population) £7,695 to £8,496; District Community Physicians and other specialists in community medicine £5,085 to £7,599.

The scale for the district community physician and other specialists in community medicine is identical with that of hospital consultants. The Review Body has recommended that these doctors should in principle be eligible for distinction awards, but that the total remuneration of doctors on the R.M.O. and A.M.O. salary scales who receive an award should be limited to the amount received by a hospital consultant with a similar award.

PHARMACISTS

Recent surveys of pharmacists have shown a

diminution of 900 in the number of pharmacists employed full-time in general practice during the past three years—a rate of about 2.2 per cent per annum. This closely parallels the drop of 927 in numbers of registered premises during the same period.

The Pharmaceutical Journal reports a fall in the number of pharmacies in Great Britain from just under 15,000 in 1961 to about 12,000 in 1972.

The hospital services employ ten per cent of pharmacists in Britain. The number of pharmacists employed full-time in the hospital service increased by 310 between 1969 and 1972, an increase of 6.5 per cent per annum. The figures from the Department of Health and Social Security for England and Wales are as follows:

1949 — 1,127	} (whole-time equivalents)
1967 — 1,439	
1968 — 1,483	
1969 — 1,565	
1970 — 1,686	
1971 — 1,744	

PROFESSIONS

SUPPLEMENTARY TO MEDICINE

The Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine has published a Report of the Remedial Professions Committee under the chairmanship of Dr H. A. Burt, M.A., F.R.C.P., which recommends the amalgamation of physiotherapists and remedial gymnasts, and considers this will be in the best interests of patients and of the professions themselves.

THE KING'S FUND

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London in its 1972 Report under the heading of *Trends in grant-giving* states "Among grants listed in the following pages are those given for projects which enable people to leave hospital and settle in the community more quickly, or to be spared altogether the necessity for admission to hospital".

MEDLARS—COMPUTER INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

The Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners is one of the journals included in the Medlars system. The charge for a search of references indexed since January 1971 is now at most £11. Enquiries should be sent to The National Lending Library for Science and Technology, Boston Spa, Wetherby, Yorkshire LS23 7BQ.

THE PRE-RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The Pre-Retirement Association is holding a one-day national conference on *The middle age crisis*. This will be held in association with the Health Education Council on 1 November 1973 at the Regent Centre Hotel, London, W.1.

Applications should be made to The Conference Secretary, The Pre-Retirement Association, 194 Clapham Park Road, London SW4 7DU.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The following courses are being held and those interested should apply to the Post-graduate Adviser in General Practice, 107 Botanic Avenue, Belfast BT7 1JP.

11–13 October	General practitioner teachers' workshop.
18 October	Cardiology study day.
24 October	Ophthalmology
25–26 October	Family planning.
28 October to 2 November	Management course.

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