

MRCGP EXAMINATION

The dates for the next MRCGP examinations are as follows:

May/July 1981

Written papers: Thursday 14 May 1981.

Orals: In Edinburgh during the week ending 27 June 1981 and in London during the week ending 4 July 1981.

Closing date: 12 March 1981.

October/December 1981

Written papers: Thursday 29 October 1981.

Orals: In Edinburgh and London during the week ending 12 December 1981.

Closing date: 3 September 1981.

The written papers will be held in London, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Exeter, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Belfast and Dublin. These and other centres may be used as

required, subject to a minimum (and in some centres maximum) number of candidates.

It may be necessary to limit the total numbers, and candidates are therefore advised to apply well in advance of the closing dates. The application fee for examination in 1981 is £100.00 and the re-application fee is £75.00. Candidates withdrawing from the examination after the closing date for applications forfeit 40 per cent of the full fee. Application forms may be obtained from the Examination Administrator at the College.

MEDICAL NEWS

AN AUDIT OF DIABETIC CARE

The College's Scientific Foundation Board has funded a research project into the care of diabetics within general practice. It is being carried out in the Thames Faculty. The study will compare a practice which runs its own clinic and superintends the care of its own diabetics with a neighbouring practice whose diabetic patients are largely cared for by a hospital outpatient clinic. The study will look at the prevalence of diagnosed cases, the type of care provided for them and the frequency of complications.

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Doctors who work full or part-time in occupational medicine and who wish to join the Faculty are at present being admitted as Associates or Members according to previous experience and qualifications. The Faculty has announced that applications for this means of entry will cease from the end of 1982 and thereafter admission will be as laid down in the booklet "Criteria for Membership and Associateship." Further details may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary to the Faculty, 11 St Andrews Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LE.

RESUSCITATION TRAINING FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

An international conference on immediate care has called for more cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for the general public. In the USA 10 per cent of the population is already

trained in CPR. In Europe the proportion is only one per cent. Possibilities which emerged from the First International Congress on Immediate Care, held in Brighton in October last year, were that CPR training could be included in the school curriculum and the driving test.

The Congress on Immediate Care was organized by BASICS (the British Association for Immediate Care), the Center for Emergency Medicine, Pittsburgh, USA and the Association of Emergency Medical Technicians.

MARTINDALE'S EXTRA PHARMACOPOEIA 1982

All the information in the next edition of *Martindale* is to be put into a computer data bank; it will be possible to search the file by online interrogation techniques and the questioner will need only a keyboard input, a unit for transmitting and receiving the messages via the telephone system and a printer, with or without a visual display unit, for the output. The information in the computer will be up to date; as each chapter is revised it will be exchanged in the data bank for the old one, and when all the chapters have been revised the next edition will be published (there are no plans to do away with the printed *Martindale*).

Source: *Pharmaceutical Journal*, November 15 1980, page 559.

STRANRAER HEALTH CENTRE

On 24 October 1980 a celebration was held to mark the twenty-fifth annivers-

ary of Stranraer Health Centre. The first of its kind in Scotland, the health centre was built adjacent and connected to the Garrick Cottage Hospital, giving the patients direct access from the consulting rooms to the treatment room, physiotherapy and x-ray departments of the hospital. The health centre has gradually increased in size and further extensions are planned.

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE ON COMPUTERS

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners is to hold its third national conference on computers in medical practice, in Sydney, Australia, on 19, 20 and 21 March 1981. The theme of the conference will be the computer in the medical community. More details from RACGP, 43 Lower Fort Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia.

FIFTH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON HEALTH RECORDS

The theme of the conference will be "information needs for health management." Papers are invited on health care information and medical records. Titles of proposed papers together with a one page summary should be submitted to the Conference Secretary by 28 February 1981. Selected authors will be asked to submit a first draft by 30 June 1981. The Conference Secretary is J. G. Mason, 16 Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey.