

Closing date: 3 September 1981.

May/July 1982

Written papers: Tuesday, 11 May 1982.

Orals: In Edinburgh during the week ending 26 June and in London during the week ending 3 July 1982.

Closing date: Thursday, 11 March 1982.

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 is as follows:

	1981	1982
Application fee	£100.00	£125.00
Reapplication fee	£75.00	£93.75

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

### GENERAL PRACTICE IN NIGERIA

The National Medical College of Nigeria has established a new faculty of general medical practice. It has begun plans for training for the fellowship in general medical practice, which is not going to be necessarily university teaching hospital based. The faculty urged at its meeting last July that training should begin in general hospitals as soon as possible. A curriculum has been designed and approved by the senate of The National Medical College, and it is hoped that three-year training posts will soon be established.

### THE NEEDS OF ALL CHILDREN

The Children's Committee, chaired by Professor F. S. W. Brimblecombe of Exeter, is an advisory committee to the Secretaries of State for Social Services and for Wales on the co-ordination and development of health and personal services as they relate to children and families with children. A working group of the committee has produced a discussion document on the needs of the under-fives in the family which breaks unfamiliar ground, examining the kind of information and general support which all families need to complement their own care for their young children. The document affirms the importance of the family as the main and central nurturing unit of the child. It considers how effectively income maintenance services take into account the extra costs of caring for children, and it discusses whether family morale is strengthened or weakened by the health, education and social services in their dealings with the parents of pre-school children.

The document is available, price 65p (including postage), from Maureen O'Meara, The Children's Committee,

Mary Ward House, 5-7 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SS. The Children's Committee will welcome any comments on, or responses to, the issues raised in the report.

### DOCTORS IN TRAINING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE IN ENGLAND AND WALES

In October 1980 there were 2,688 doctors in training for general practice who expect to satisfy the vocational training regulations (an increase of 19 per cent on the 1979 numbers); 1,947 were on three-year schemes and 741 on self-constructed training programmes. Twenty-eight per cent of them were women and, of these, seven per cent were training part-time; only one man was training part-time. The number of trainers—2,068—was also an increase of 12 per cent on 1979, and the 1,710 teaching practices a 10 per cent increase.

The number of doctors who are expected to complete their training during 1981 is 1,088; 582 were on three-year schemes and 506 on their own training programmes. This means the number of doctors who will complete their training during the year is very close to the number quoted by the DHSS as becoming unrestricted principals for general practice for the first time during a year.

Source: Council for postgraduate medical education in England and Wales.

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND COURSES

#### *Footwear and Footcare—Maintaining Mobility*

A series of one-day seminars is being arranged by the Disabled Living Foun-

dation with the Departments of Geriatric Medicine in Birmingham, Newcastle upon Tyne and Bristol and jointly with the Society of Chiropodists.

Application forms and further information for the one to be held in Birmingham, under the chairmanship of Professor Bernard Isaacs, are available from Mrs Victoria Gilbert, Board of Graduate Clinical Studies, The Medical School, Vincent Drive, Birmingham B15 2PJ (tel: 021-472 1301 Ext. 3317). Please send s.a.e. 9" x 4".

Further information regarding the Newcastle upon Tyne and Bristol seminars is available from Miss Margaret Dowden, Conference Secretary, The Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, London W14 8NS (tel: 01-602 2491). Please send s.a.e. 9" x 4".

#### *Design in Medicine University of Strathclyde, 1 to 3 July 1981*

This conference will be of interest to surgeons, medical teaching staff, hospital technicians, senior nursing staff and doctors. For registration forms and further details contact Publication Services, 33/5 Foxley Lane, High Salvington, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 3AD (0903 65405).

#### *Continuing education*

A conference for course organizers in continuing education is to be held at Cumberland Lodge, The Great Park, Windsor, Berks. on 7 and 8 June 1981. There will be general discussion and exchange of ideas over content and methods in small group learning and its place in the future of continuing education. Application forms are available from Mrs M. A. Williams, General Practitioner Department, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 14 Ulster Place, London NW1 5HD (01-935 8173 Ext. 4).