

MEDICAL NEWS

Meetings and Courses

New MSc Course for General Practitioners

Starting in October 1982 the University of Glasgow will offer an MSc degree through the Department of General Practice at Woodside Health Centre, Glasgow. This new development is thought to be the first academic postgraduate degree course specifically designed for experienced general practitioners and for overseas candidates who have a responsibility for the planning or development of primary care services. The content of the course, designed in five age-band-related modules, stresses prevention, health education and an anticipatory approach to clinical care in general practice. The course will normally last two academic years, but general practitioners of ten or more years experience as a principal will be considered eligible for an alternative 12 month course. UK candidates approved for the 12 month course would be eligible for prolonged study leave entitlements. For further details of the course and its organization, contact Professor J. H. Barber, Department of General Practice, Woodside Health Centre, Barr Street, Glasgow, G20 7LR.

Symposium on Practice Organization, Sussex

Thursday 18 March 1982. Worthing Postgraduate Medical Centre. Organized by the South West Thames Faculty of the RCGP and the West Sussex LMC. £4.50, including registration and catering. Further details from Mrs Susan Sycamore, Worthing Postgraduate Medical Centre, Homefield Road, Worthing. Tel: Worthing 205111 ext. 425.

Care of the Elderly in General Practice

Course for general practitioners. 31 May to 4 June 1982. Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee.

This course, jointly organized by the Departments of General Practice and Geriatric Medicine in the University of Dundee, will be about the management of the problems presented by the elderly in general practice. The course will be limited to approximately 30

general practitioners, and most of the teaching will be done in small groups. Section 63 approval has been granted. The course tutors are Dr J. C. Murdoch, Dr W. J. McLennan, Dr E. I. Williams and Dr M. Lyle (from departments of general practice, medicine and geriatrics in Dundee and Manchester).

Further details from Dr J. C. Murdoch, Department of General Practice, West Gate Health Centre, Charleston Drive, Dundee DD2 4AD.

Introductory Course in Family Psychiatry, Ipswich

25-26 March 1982. Institute of Family Psychiatry, Ipswich Hospital. Further details from the Secretary, Institute of Family Psychiatry, The Ipswich Hospital, 23 Henley Road, Ipswich IP1 3TF.

Management in General Practice

31 March-2 April, 6-7 July. Kings Fund College. Course in two parts for new principals. March course looks at general principles of management. July course looks at practical problems encountered by participants. DHSS funded. Section 63 approval being sought. Further details from Bill Fraser, Kings Fund, 2 Palace Court, London W2. Tel: 01-229 9361.

History of General Practice

Saturday, 15 May 1982, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU. Cost, £5 including coffee, lunch and tea. Further details from I. S. L. Loudon, The Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, 47 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6PE.

Refresher Courses in the South West

Barnstaple, 13-15 May. Cardio-respiratory medicine. Details from the Postgraduate Secretary, North Devon Postgraduate Centre, North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple EX31 4JB. Tel. Barnstaple 72577 ext. 373.

Bath, 14-18 June. GP refresher course. Details from Miss S. Davies, Postgraduate Secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal United Hospital, Combe Park, Bath BA1 3NG. Tel. Bath 28331 ext. 577/578.

Cheltenham, 31 March-1 April. Contraception and family planning. Details as below.

Cheltenham, 17-21 May. GP refresher course. Details from Mrs M. Roberts, Postgraduate Secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, 2 College Lawn, Cheltenham GL53 7AG. Tel. Cheltenham 580344.

Exeter, 7-11 June. Paediatrics. Details from the Director, Postgraduate Medical School, Barrack Road, Exeter EX2 5DW. Tel. Exeter 77833.

Taunton, 17-21 May. Refresher course. Details from the Co-ordinator, Somerset Postgraduate Centre, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton TA1 5DA. Tel. Taunton 73444 ext. 4216.

South African Academy of Family Practice, Third Congress

9-12 August 1982, Sun City, Bophuthatswana. The main theme of the Congress will be The Family in Crisis. Papers welcome. Further details from the Secretary, GP Congress Steering Committee, PO Box 23195, Joubertpark 2044, South Africa.

Tennis Elbow and Rotator Cuff Syndrome

Repetitive movements at work are known to cause both these conditions, and the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council has been asked by the Secretary of State for Social Services to consider if they should be prescribed as industrial diseases. The Council is gathering evidence (by 31 March) and anyone with information should write to the Secretary, Industrial Injuries Advisory Council, Friars House, 157-168 Blackfriars Road, London SE1.

People in the News

Dr Clifford R. Kay, one of the Directors of the College's Manchester Research Unit, has been invited to give the Tenth Annual Gregory Pincus Lecture in Reproductive Physiology at the Wayne State University of Medicine in Detroit, USA. The lecture commemorates the man who virtually invented the oral contraceptive pill.

Dr Robin Fraser, Senior Lecturer in general practice in the University of Leicester School of Medicine, has been awarded a grant of £25,000 from the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust to carry out a study looking at "the development and assessment of information systems for general practitioners as an aid to performance review".