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Dosage

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In severe infections doses should be doubled.

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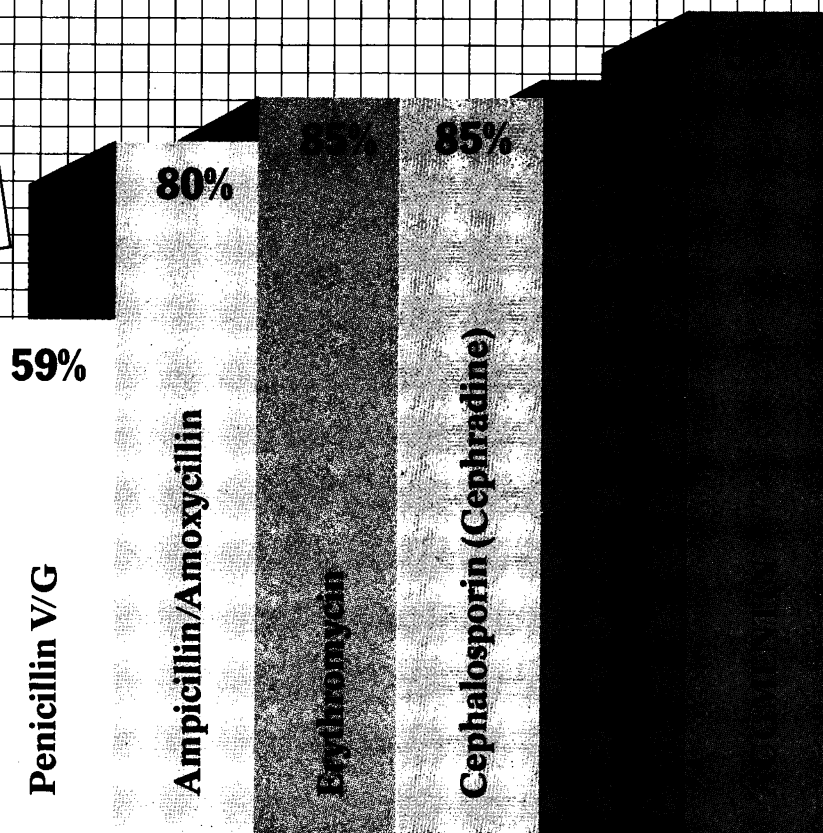
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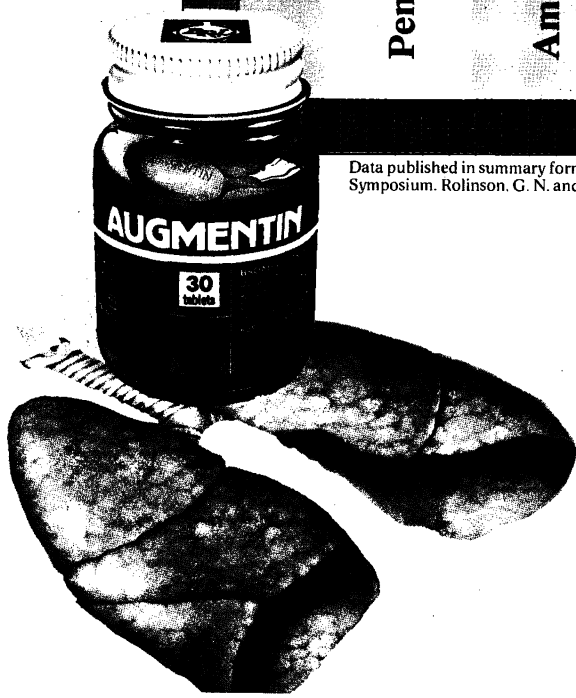
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Occasional Paper 24

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CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, PROBLEMS AND PROCEDURES 1984

Occasional Paper 26

The new College classification of health problems from the Manchester Research Unit of the Royal College of General Practitioners is a major academic event. This is the first time that the old College classification has been blended thoroughly with the *International Classification of Disease* and that it has been made available in both electronic and printed form.

The printed version, published as *Occasional Paper 26*, describes the background of the classification, offers guidance on its use, and gives the classification in full, first in code order and then in alphabetical groups.

Approved by the Council of the College in 1983, this is likely to be the definitive text on classification in general practice for many years.

Classification of Diseases, Problems and Procedures 1984, Occasional Paper 26, can be obtained from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE, price £4.75 including postage. Payment should be made with order.

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Reports from General Practice 18-21

The College's campaign for health promotion and disease prevention in general practice was signalled by the publication in the years 1981-83 of a series of documents on different aspects of preventive medicine in general practice.

Although at the time these were distributed free of charge with the *Journal* to all Fellows, Members and Associates of the College, the steady demand for these documents has led to several of them going out of print.

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NOTES FOR LECTURERS

Lecturing is an activity which general practitioners are undertaking more and more as undergraduate medical education, vocational training and continuing education slowly expand. However, despite the quantity of lecturing which occurs, there are still occasions when audiences are left feeling that the content of the lecture was spoilt by its presentation.

Notes for Lecturers, a booklet compiled by Clive Froggatt and David Pendleton, provides a few clear guidelines appropriate for all lecturers to help them make the best of their material and avoid some of the common pitfalls. It includes advice on both text and audiovisual aids.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS 1984 MEMBERS' REFERENCE BOOK

The Royal College of General Practitioners has now published the *1984 Members' Reference Book* in the same size and format as last year. The *Reference Book* includes the Annual Report of Council, the Treasurer's Report, and reports of the faculties and regional councils of the College. It also includes a comprehensive information section about the College, lists of useful addresses, and a large number of articles about general practice.

A new feature this year is that it has been possible to list all the College's Fellows, Members and Associates by faculty, thus providing a complete register for the first time.

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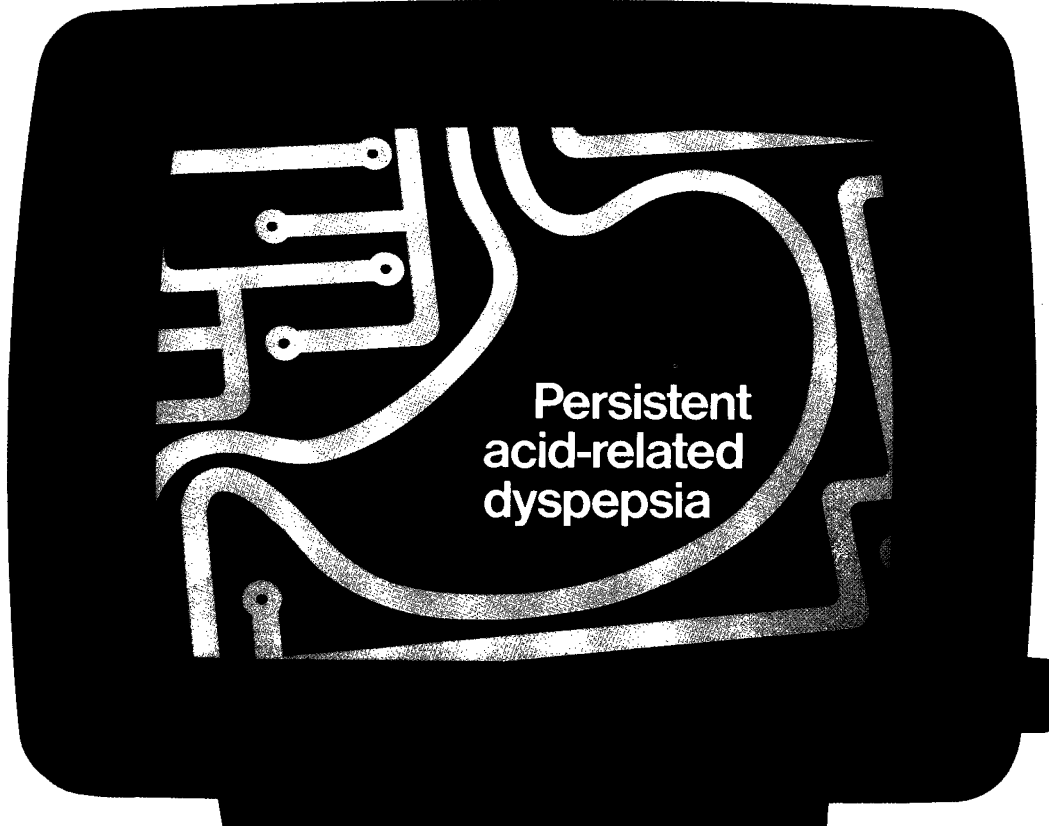
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