

Correspondence

“ Undergraduate Teaching in Comprehensive Medicine ”

Sir,

I have read the article by Dr Max Clyne on Undergraduate Teaching in Comprehensive Medicine with interest, but I feel that I must correct the impression he has given that students in the United Oxford Hospitals obtain no insight into the problems of general practice, in fact many of the general practitioners in the region do meet our students and every student in his final year has the opportunity of spending one week living and working with a family doctor in the city and with another in the country. The attachment is a voluntary one but in fact almost one hundred per cent of the students take advantage of it and the scheme has been a very great success. General practitioners also take part in the lecture courses and in some of the seminars of special subjects.

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“ Hospital Staffing ”

Sir,

In your current editorial comment on the report of the Platt committee you deal with issues that are of vital importance for the future of general practice.

You point out that the College is very much concerned with the position of the general practitioner so that the sick of this country can get the best available treatment, and emphasize the dangers inherent in the rift between the general practitioner and the hospital doctor.

Although you express dissatisfaction at the term medical assistant, you welcome the opportunities offered to the general practitioner