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Marfan Association UK

'Marfan Syndrome and Overlapping Disorders'

PATRONS:-Sir John Gielgud Sir Magdi Yacoub FRCS BHF Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery Rochester House, 5, Aldershot Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU13 9NG

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HELP US TO HELP THOSE WITH MARFAN SYNDROME

Marfan Syndrome is in 75% of cases an inherited disorder of connective tissue, 25% occurring as new mutations.

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The incidence is thought to be greater than 1 in 5,000.

* SALIENT FEATURES *

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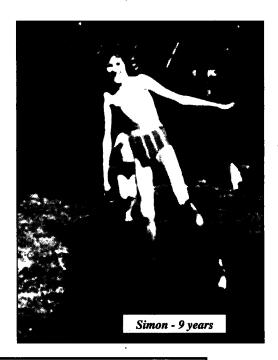
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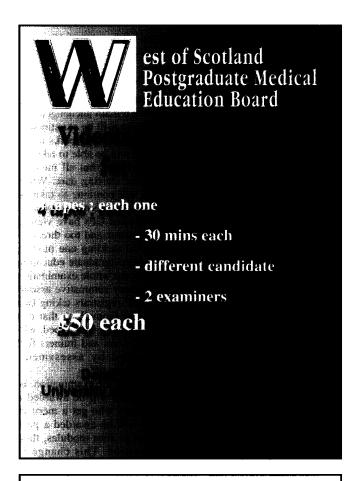
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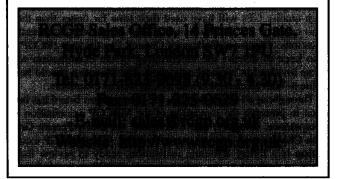


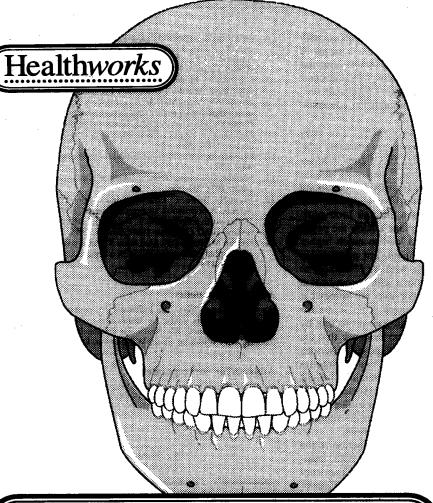
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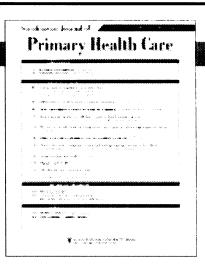
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The event is open to all members of the primary health care disciplines and staff from NHS Regional R&D Directorates and will be of interest to anyone wishing to submit bids for Culyer funding for primary care research in the future.

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Thursday, 21 May 1998 at Regents College, London

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Wednesday 17 December 1997

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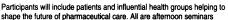


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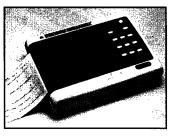
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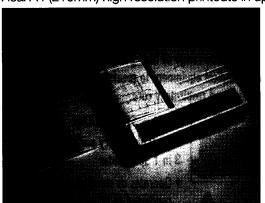
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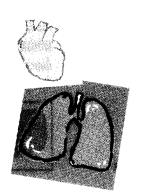
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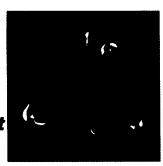


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