**New Idea**

**Practice sharing: a way of providing services in unpopular areas?**

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Over the past 20 years much effort has been put into improving general practice. The specialty's attitudes have been broadened and, in the past decade, the notion of an active role for general practice in the health services of the community has led to the introduction of many new ideas. At the same time, the emphasis has been on improving the quality of medical care rather than the availability of services for the elderly, the poor, and the sick. However, there is now a recognition that the service of general practitioners in unpopular areas may need to be improved.

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**Practice Research**

Chlamydia trachomatis and lower urinary tract symptoms among women in general practice

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Urinary symptoms are common complaints among women and can be seen in a variety of settings, including general practice. In this study, we examined the prevalence of urinary symptoms among women attending general practice. We found that urinary symptoms were more common among women aged 40 to 60 years compared to younger women. The prevalence of symptoms increased with age, and symptoms were more common in women who had a chronic illness or who were taking medication. The results of this study highlight the importance of addressing urinary symptoms in general practice.

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