

## Colorectal cancer trial: call for patients

The UK Coordinating Committee on Cancer Research is planning large randomised trials of portal vein infusion of fluorouracil for cancer of the colon and rectum and of perioperative radiotherapy for rectal cancer. According to the protocol, the studies have been designed to fit in as much as possible with local practice: no special tests or extra follow up visits are required, and data collection will be "absolutely minimal (about 10 minutes per patient per year)." Administrative queries and trial supplies to Axis, Freepost, Box 354, Cambridge CB2 1BR, tel 0223 311110, fax 0223 311844.

## Chairman for new licensing authority

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill makes provision for a Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to be set up. Mr Kenneth Clarke has appointed Professor Colin Campbell, vice chancellor of Nottingham University, and Lady Brittan, a member of the Equal Opportunities Commission, chairman and deputy chairman. They have accepted on a provisional basis until the bill receives royal assent. Until the authority assumes its full powers, probably in the summer of 1991, the Interim Licensing Authority, which was set up by the Medical Research Council and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1988, will continue to operate.

## British Association of Day Surgery

The British Association of Day Surgery, which was launched this month, aims at expanding the present state of day surgery in the United Kingdom to that in other countries, where it is not only cost effective but also popular with patients. The founders of the association believe that this can be done by informed discussion and cooperation between doctors, nurses, and managers. Day surgery requires a self contained unit with its own ward, theatre, and dedicated nursing staff. The following operations could be performed—inguinal hernia repair, varicose vein surgery, sterilisations, dilatation and curettage, and amputation of fingers or toes. Requests for further

information and membership application should be made to the chairman, Mr Paul Jarrett, Kingston Hospital, Galsworthy Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 7QB.

## Calling all medical artists

The Medical Art Society encourages members to draw, paint, sculpt, or produce other art work, and it provides opportunities to exhibit and to get advice from fellow doctors and professional tutors. The society is open to all who have qualified in medicine or dentistry, and families of members may also exhibit. The 55th annual exhibition opens at the Westminster Central Hall Gallery on 15 October. New members are welcome, whether they consider themselves beginners or advanced artists. Inquiries should be made to the honorary secretary, Dr Henry Tegner, c/o The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

## BACUP counselling service expanded

The British Association of Cancer United Patients is to expand its cancer counselling service after piloting the scheme for two years. Linda Benn has been appointed counselling service manager of the scheme, which at present operates only in London. The voluntary counsellors offer a confidential service to discuss and resolve specific problems, make decisions, and cope with crises. Further information is available from BACUP, 121-123 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6AA.

## Information please

Miss Sarah Worsley is researching into Mondors disease (subcutaneous phlebitis of breast region) and would like to hear from doctors with patients with this disease. Her address is Princess Margaret Hospital, Osborne Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 3SJ (tel 0753 868292).

Larson's syndrome is a connective tissue disorder which affects all the muscles and joints causing dislocation and floppiness. Dr Lorin Larson, who



The entrance to The Haven at the Gateshead Garden Festival where visitors will be encouraged to consider their own mental health. Information boards among the trees will help them to recognise their own stress and tell them how to cope with it. The project, which was the brainchild of the Newcastle Mental Health Unit, was designed by Marion MacIntosh. In the picture is Joan Barker, a nurse who helped to plan the garden

named the syndrome, will be visiting Britain during August and would like to meet families and doctors of patients with the illness. Mrs K Scotland, Clover Ley, 7 Littleworth Lane, Esher, Surrey KT10 9PF, would like to hear from them.

## New publications

*Crisis Counselling for Alleged Shoplifters* is produced by the registered charity with the same name funded by the London Boroughs Grants Unit. The charity provides counselling and other general advice to people accused of alleged shoplifting offences, and the booklet is available, price £1, from Crisis Counselling for Alleged Shoplifters, PO Box 1892, London NW4 4NX.

## COMING EVENTS

**Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund**—Symposium "The broader face of cancer care," 17-18 August, Cambridge. Details from the seminar organiser of the fund, Susan Parish, Anchor House, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ. (Tel 071 351 7811.)

**Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh**—Symposium to commemorate the 200th anniversary of William Cullen's death, "William Cullen and the 18th century medical world," 24-25 August, Edinburgh. Details from Dr R Passmore at the college, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.

**Society of Public Health**—5th annual sports medicine conference in conjunction with the British Association of Sports Medicine (North West) "Prevention and rehabilitation of sports injuries: cooperation not conflict!" 4-5 September, Manchester. Details from Kathy McGree, Wigmore Professional Ltd, 32 Savile Row, London W1X 1AG. (Tel 071 734 0171.) Approved for general practitioner training.

**Society for the Study of Inborn Errors of Metabolism**—28th annual symposium, "The liver and inherited metabolic disorders," 4-7 September, Birmingham. Details from the

Organising Committee, Children's Hospital, Birmingham B16 8ET. (Tel 021 454 4851 ext 6102.)

**Institute of Physics**—Conference "Advances in instrumentation and techniques for electron and other microscopes," 10-13 September, preceded by advanced school on electron diffraction, 9-10 September, Bristol. Details from the meetings office at the institute, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QX. (Tel 071 235 6111.)

**Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition**—11-14 September, Leeds. Details from Mrs Hilary L Helme, Department of Continued Professional Education, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT. (Tel 0532 333233.)

**Wolfson Research Laboratories, Birmingham**—Meeting "Computers in medicine: 'expert' support and clinical decisions," 12 September, Birmingham. Details from Margaret Peters at the laboratories, Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TH.

**Saint Mary's Hospital Manchester Bicentenary**—Medical staff reunion, 13-14 September, Manchester. Details from Dr W M O Moore at the hospital, Whitworth Park, Manchester M13 0JH.

**Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons**—5th European symposium

of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War "Health and security 2000: new thinking in Europe," 13-16 September, Coventry. Details from the symposium secretariat, 601 Holloway Road, London N19 4DJ. (Tel 071 272 2020.)

**National Information Forum**—Conference "Information for disabled people—the hospital's role," 14 September, London. Details from the forum, 380-384 Harrow Road, London W9 2HU. (Tel 071 289 2791.)

**British Sociological Association Medical Sociology Group**—Annual conference "The sociology of health and illness," 14-16 September, Edinburgh. Details from Stephen Platt, MRC Medical Sociology Unit, 6 Lilybank Gardens, Glasgow G12 8QQ. (Tel 041 357 3949.)

**Royal College of Radiologists**—Annual scientific meeting, 18-21 September, Edinburgh. Details from the conference office of the college, 38 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG. (Tel 071 636 4432.)

**British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering**—Details and copies of the programme of meetings to November are available from BASE, 11 Southwark Street, London SE1 1RQ. (Tel 071 407 6712.)

**Castle Priory College**—Details and copies of the programme of courses

and workshops to Easter 1991 are available from the college, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0HE. (Tel 0491 37551.)

**Royal Postgraduate Medical School Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**—Details and copies of the programme of courses and symposia to October are available from the symposium secretary at the institute, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. (Tel 081 740 3904.)

**Society for Drug Research**—Details and copies of the programme of meetings September 1990 to September 1991 are available from Mrs Barbara Cavilla of the society secretariat, c/o Institute of Biology, 20 Queensberry Place, London SW7 2DZ. (Tel 071 581 8333.)

## SOCIETIES/LECTURES

### Monday 23 July

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY**—5 30 pm, guest lecture at an advanced level by Professor A Guz: The sensation of breathlessness.

**ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF GYNAECOLOGY**—At Lecture Theatre D, 12 30 pm, Pam Johnson: Measurement of fetal blood pressure.

### Wednesday 25 July

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL**—At Stamp Lecture Theatre, 10 15 am, medical staff round.

### Friday 27 July

**BROMPTON HOSPITAL MEDICAL UNIT STAFF ROUND**—At Lecture Theatre, National Heart and Lung Institute, 8 am. (Preceded by coffee and rolls 7 30 am.)

## BMA NOTICES

Members proposing to attend meetings marked \* are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

### Division Meeting

**Great Yarmouth and Waveney**—At Somerleyton Hall, Friday 27 July, 7 pm, talk and wine tasting with buffet. \* (Partners welcome.)

### Regional Meetings

**East Anglian Regional Hospital Junior Staff Committee**—At Seminar Room 4, Clinical School, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, Tuesday 24 July, 7 30 pm.

**North East Thames Regional Consultants and Specialists Committee**—At BMA House, Tuesday 24 July, 5 30 pm.