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The *Journal of Medical Ethics* has been established, with a multi-disciplinary Editorial Board, to promote the study of contemporary medico-moral problems. The Editorial Board has as its aims the encouragement of a high academic standard for this developing subject and the influencing of the quality of both professional and public discussion. The *Journal* is published quarterly.

The *Journal* includes papers on all aspects of medical ethics, analyses ethical concepts and theories and features case conferences and comment on clinical practice. It includes book reviews and details of lectures and symposia on issues raised by the practice of medicine.

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## Lectures and symposia

Readers are asked to check with their local medical group secretaries for further details. The addresses are on page 47 of this issue.

### Tuesday 15 April

LMG symposium: WOMEN DOCTORS: Will there ever be equality? 5.45 pm King's College Hospital Medical School

Philip Hugh-Jones, Director, Chest Unit, King's College Hospital Medical School.

Margaret W Ghilchik, Consultant surgeon, St Charles Hospital, Honorary consultant and senior lecturer, St Mary's Hospital

Dame Josephine Barnes, President of the British Medical Association  
Rosemary Rue, Regional Medical Officer, Oxford Area Health Authority

### Thursday 17 April

LMG symposium: SOCIAL ATTITUDES TO SEXUAL DEVIANCE 5.45 pm The London Hospital

Professor Desmond Pond, Professor of Psychiatry, The London Hospital Medical School  
K J Plummer, Lecturer in sociology, University of Essex

Claire Rayner, medical journalist and author

### Tuesday 22 April

LMG symposium: ACUPUNCTURE: a role in pain relief? 5.45 pm Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Professor J M Hinton, Professor of Psychiatry, Middlesex Hospital Medical School

John Hester, Consultant anaesthetist to the Eastbourne group of hospitals

Peter Nathan, member of MRC external staff, National Hospital for nervous diseases

### Thursday 24 April

BMG symposium: SURVIVAL IN THE CONCRETE JUNGLE: Inner city health. 7.30 pm Large Lecture Theatre, Level 9, Bristol Royal Infirmary

Alex Scott Samuel, Department of Community Medicine, Liverpool  
Andrew Kirby, Department of Geography, University of Reading  
Bernard Ineichen, Research Associate, Department of Mental Health, Bristol

LMG illustrated symposium: PROPHYLACTIC LEGISLATION: should preventive medicine be enforced? 5.45 pm Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead

Professor A G Shaper, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

Denis Burkitt, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Department of Geographical Pathology, St Thomas's Hospital Medical School  
Professor Hugh Sinclair, Director, International Institute of Human Nutrition, Sutton Courtenay

SMG symposium: FAITH HEALING - CAN WE EXPECT MIRACLES? 5.30 pm Lecture Theatre 1, South Academic Block, Southampton General Hospital, Southampton

Professor Gustav Jahoda, Department of Psychology, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow  
Mr C G Scorer, Consultant surgeon, Hillingdon  
Rev Dr J F A Williams, Vicar of Highfield Church, Southampton

### Tuesday 29 April

LMG symposium: WHAT PRICE THE PILL? 5.15 pm Henry Cohen Lecture Theatre, Duncan Building, Royal Liverpool Hospital, Liverpool  
Speakers to be announced

LMG symposium: PRE-NATAL DIAGNOSIS: Its consequences and possibilities. 5.45 pm St Bartholomew's Hospitals

Professor T Chard, Professor of Reproductive Physiology, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School

G V P Chamberlain, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital

Professor R Williamson, Professor of Biochemistry, St Mary's Hospital Medical School

Dr Gerald Corney, Member of the Scientific staff, MRC Human Biochemical Genetics Unit, University College, London

### Thursday 1 May

LMG symposium: THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: Do they need hospitals? 6.00 pm St George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting

Professor A H Crisp, Professor of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School

Dr Lotte Sahlmann, Medical Officer, The Schieling Curative Schools, Ringwood and Thornbury  
Dr Norma Raynes, General Practice Research Unit, Institute of Psychiatry

Peggy Jay, Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry into the training of mental handicap nursing and care staff

### Wednesday 7 May

EMG seminar: ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE 6.00-8.00 pm Room 228 Adam Ferguson Building, George Square, Edinburgh

The first of a series of four seminars covering the topics - Medicine before science, Folk medicine, Homoeopathy and Faith healing

### Saturday 10 May

EMG Day conference: MEDICINE IN THE YEAR 2000

Topics will include:  
Population and Birth control

The pattern of health care  
Geriatrics

For further details readers should  
contact the BMG office, whose  
address is on page 47 of this issue

**Tuesday 13 May**

BMG seminar: HEALTH IN A  
MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY 7.30 pm  
Large Lecture Theatre, Level 9,  
Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol

This is the first of a series of  
four seminars to be held to consider  
the above topic

Speakers to be announced.  
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whose address is to be found on  
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SMG lecture: THE RELEVANCE OF  
WESTERN MEDICINE TO THE  
THIRD WORLD 5.30 pm Lecture  
Theatre 1, South Academic Block,  
Southampton General Hospital,  
Southampton

Dr Stanley Brown, Director,  
Leprosy Study Centre, London

**Wednesday 14 May**

EMG seminar: ALTERNATIVE  
MEDICINE 6.00–8.00 pm Room 228  
Adam Ferguson Building,  
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**Tuesday 20 May**

BMG seminar: HEALTH IN A  
MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY 7.30 pm  
Large Lecture Theatre, Level 9,  
Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol

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seminars on this topic. (See  
above 13 May)

**Wednesday 21 May**

EMG seminar: ALTERNATIVE  
MEDICINE 6.00–8.00 pm Room 228  
Adam Ferguson Building, George  
Square, Edinburgh

The third in a series of four  
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**Thursday 22 May**

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MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY 7.30 pm  
Large Lecture Theatre, Level 9,  
Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol

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seminars on this topic. (See  
above 13 May)

**Wednesday 28 May**

EMG seminar: ALTERNATIVE  
MEDICINE 6.00–8.00 pm Room 228  
Adam Ferguson Building,  
George Square, Edinburgh

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## Medical groups

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### Further information on Medical Groups

For fuller details, complete lecture lists are available from the secretaries of the medical groups listed below. Please enclose a stamped addressed A4 envelope

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#### SHEFFIELD MEDICAL GROUP

Dr Martin Hayes-Allen, 183 Whitham Road, Broomhill, Sheffield S10 2SB

#### SOUTHAMPTON MEDICAL GROUP

Dr T R M Billington, 56 Glen Eyre Road, Southampton SO2 3NJ

## News and notes

### Annual conference

The 17th Annual Conference, on 'Death: The Last Taboo', convened by the President of the London Medical Group, Mr Martin Waldron (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine) was held in conjunction with the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School on Friday and Saturday, 15th and 16th February 1980.

The opening session, on The Evolution of the Problem, was Chaired by Sir Douglas Ranger, Dean of The Middlesex Hospital Medical School, and papers were given on Death: The Last Taboo (The Rt Hon Lord Richardson), Death and the Doctor (Professor T H D Arie) and An Introduction to the History of Death (Mr Peter Laslett). The session on The Fear of Death, Chaired by Professor A S Duncan, included papers on The Hospital - A Place of Pain? (Professor Duncan Vere), Fear of Dying (Dr Colin Murray Parkes) and Death in a Paediatric Setting (Dr Hugh Jolly); Session Three, Cancer and Truth, Chaired by Professor R B Welbourn, included papers on Communication - In the Patient's Interest? (Dr R L Souhami) and The Truth, The Whole Truth And Nothing But Evasion (Professor Eric Wilkes) and a film 'A Question of Communication'. In the fourth session, entitled The Patient, The Doctor and The Sanctity of Life, Chaired by The Rt Hon Lord Justice Shaw, papers were presented on Artificial Prolongation of Life (Mr Robert Sells), On

Killing and Letting Die (Mr Harry Lesser) and The Needs of the Patient and the Role of the Nurse (The Rt Hon Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff). The final session, The Right to Live and The Right to Die, was Chaired by Dame Cicely Saunders who summed up the Conference after papers given by Mr Brian Clark, Professor The Reverend Canon G R Dunstan and Mr John Freeman.

### Working party

A Working Party has been set up to study the ethics of clinical research investigations on children, following recommendations made to the Governing Body by a Pilot Group under the Chairmanship of Professor Thomas Oppe, FRCP, DCH, Professor of Paediatrics at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London. This will be complementary to the EMG Project Working Party on the ethics of research. The joint secretaries are Dr Martin Brueton, MD, MSc, MRCP, DCH, Consultant Paediatrician, Westminster Children's Hospital, and Dr Richard Nicholson, MA, BM, BCh, DCH, Registrar in Paediatric Audiology, Royal National Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital.

### Medical group news

Dr Martin London succeeds Dr Jack Czanderna as co-ordinating secretary of Bristol Medical Group. For Cardiff Medical Group Dr Jonathan Richards has taken

over from Mrs Vivien Turner as co-ordinating secretary. For the full contact addresses of all medical groups readers should consult page 47.

### Staff changes in London

Miss Susan French has succeeded Mrs Sheila Finnis as secretary and personal assistant to the Director of Studies. Miss French comes to us from the Department of Classics at Bedford College, University of London.

Mrs Maureen Bannatyne, formerly of the EMG Research Project, and Mrs Sheila Finnis have been appointed part-time secretaries.

### Diploma course in the philosophy of medicine

The third session of the Course leading to the Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine of the Society of Apothecaries will begin on Saturday 11 October 1980. The two-year Course is addressed primarily to graduates of medicine and lectures will be given by Michael Lockwood, MA, DPhil(Oxon), Lecturer in Philosophy, University College, Oxford, on alternate Saturday mornings in London. Further information and application forms are available from The Secretary, Faculty of the History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy, The Society of Apothecaries, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6BJ.

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Since 1963 the London Medical Group, a student group for the study of issues raised by the practice of medicine, has arranged a series of lectures and symposia, now twice weekly throughout the academic year, in the 12 London teaching hospitals and medical schools.

In 1967 the Edinburgh Medical Group was established with similar aims, and subsequently medical groups have been formed in a majority of the British medical schools—currently Newcastle, Sheffield, Glasgow, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff, Southampton, Aberdeen, Dundee, Cambridge and Oxford.

In 1972 junior doctors, who had themselves been associated with the London Medical Group, founded the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics to develop these aims at a postgraduate level.

In 1975 research fellows were appointed by the Edinburgh Medical Group which has established, in conjunction with the University of Edinburgh, a research project in medical ethics and education. This is funded by the Leverhulme Trust Fund and the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust.

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