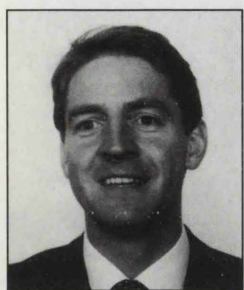


NEWS & NOTES

New Appointments Consultant Surgeon



Mr John Abraham has been appointed as a consultant general surgeon with a special interest in vascular surgery. He expects to take up his post during October.

Mr Abraham was born and brought up in Lancashire, educated at Kirkham near Preston and studied medicine at Manchester. He graduated with a distinction in surgery in 1983. Following pre-registration posts in Manchester he taught anatomy in Edinburgh before returning to south Manchester for SHO and registrar posts. He obtained FRCS England and FRCS Edinburgh in 1987.

In 1989 he took up a post at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, USA to research into aspects of microvascular pathophysiology. This work formed the basis of his MD thesis. He returned in 1991 to further registrar posts in Preston, Blackburn and Salford, where he developed a particular interest in vascular surgery.

As a senior registrar at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, he further developed skills in vascular surgery including vascular access and renal transplantation. He has most recently been working here in Lancaster and Kendal, and obtained the Intercollegiate Fellowship this year.

As well as contributing to the care of general surgical patients, Mr Abraham intends to establish a specialty practice in vascular surgery including vascular access, and to expand the non-invasive diagnostic service. He will also be involved in the North Lancashire Breast Screening Programme and the treatment of symptomatic breast disease.

Mr Abraham's wife Nicky trained in Lancaster as a general practitioner. They have three young children, Robert, Andrew and Kirstin. Together they enjoy several sports including dinghy sailing, hill walking and skiing.

Consultant Ophthalmologist

Mr R K Khanna has been appointed locum Consultant Ophthalmologist to the Lancaster Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and Westmorland Hospitals NHS Trust with effect from August 1st, 1995, for a period of twelve months initially. He will cover Mr Griffith's duties and will be based at Garnett Clinic.

Retired GPs' luncheon meetings

These informal lunches have now been running successfully for two years. Any retired GP who requires further information please contact:

Dr Anderson 01524 32089 or Dr McKinney 01524 85293.

Forthcoming dates are 2nd November 1995 and 21st March 1996

The venue remains the Shrimp Inn, Morecambe at 12.30 and as tables are booked approximate number are required.

Library Matters

Welcome to the first *Library Matters* – a regular column of news and things you should know about the postgraduate medical library.

First, a brief guide . . . we are: Melanie Weeks (librarian) and Alison Harry (information assistant). You can telephone us on (01524) 583954 or fax us on (01524) 848289. Our opening hours are 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday.

We have books and videos that can be taken out for three weeks, journals that can't be taken out at all and Medline that sits and hums to itself in a corner. Instructions on how to use this wonderful resource are now available and staff are always around to help, especially if you've booked a tutorial beforehand.

If you can't find what you want – ask! Things we don't have can usually be got from other places.

A self-service photocopier is available. A small charge (10p per sheet) is made for copyright reasons.

What's been going on . . . the past four months have seen frenzied activity on the book-buying front. Most of the orders have now arrived and are sitting on the shelves waiting to be taken out. Gold stars to the juniors in Obs. & Gynae. and Surgery for not only requesting books but actually taking them out when they arrive. A selection of recent arrivals are listed at the end of this report.

On the journal front, new subscriptions include *The Diplomat* and *Medicine*.

A recent audit of current journal use confirmed what we thought – they are not being used nearly enough! There might be several reasons for this:

- nobody knows they are there
- identical journals are held in hospital departments (a quick 'phone-around didn't seem to indicate this)
- they are not the most relevant journals available in their field
- nobody has time to read them anyway (not sure what I can do about that one!)

With an annual journal bill in the region of £6600 it is important that we are taking the right ones. I am happy to send out a list of what we take and a copy of the audit findings to anyone who is interested. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

We have recently subscribed to the CD-ROM version of The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews – an electronic journal of current research information. It is published by the Cochrane Collaboration who prepare, maintain and disseminate systematic reviews largely based on the results of randomised controlled trials.

The first issue contains:

51 reviews dealing with the treatment of problems in pregnancy and childbirth, subfertility, stroke, schizophrenia and parasitic diseases.

Protocols and titles for 134 reviews currently in preparation on these subjects and also on musculoskeletal disease, oral health, acute respiratory infections and inflammatory bowel disease.

The database is available during library hours and initial testing has proved that it is very easy to use. So come down and check it out!

Recent Additions to Stock – Lancaster

Mothers, Babies and Disease in Later Life
BMJ Publishing, 1994
Barker DJP

Physiology and Medicine of Diving
WB Saunders, 4th ed, 1993
Bennett P, Elliott D (eds)

Gastroenterology
Blackwell Scientific, 2nd ed, 1993
Bouchier IAD et al
A Handbook of Medical Teaching
Kluwer Academic, 3rd ed, 1994
Newble D, Cannon R

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
American Psychiatry Press, 1994

Critical Reading for Primary Care
Oxford University Press, 1995
Jones R, Kinmonth A

Annual Abstract of Statistics 1995
HMSO, 1995

Management for Doctors
BMJ Publishing, 1995
Simpson J, Smith R (eds)

Dewhurst's Textbook of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Blackwell Scientific, 5th ed, 1995
Whitfield (ed)

Whitaker's Almanac 1995
Whitakers, 1995

Aids to Postgraduate Surgery
Churchill Livingstone, 3rd ed, 1989
Meirion T, Watkins R

Caring for Older People in the Community
Radcliffe Medical Press, 3rd ed, 1995
Williams EI

Paediatric Orthopaedics and Fractures
Blackwell Scientific, 3rd ed, 1993
Sharrard WJW (ed)

Radiation Protection for Patients
Cambridge University Press, 1993
Wootton R

Essentials of Nutritional Diet Therapy
Mosby, 6th ed, 1994
Williams SR

Recent Additions to Stock – Kendal

Medical aspects of fitness to drive: a guide for medical practitioners
London: Medical Commission on Accident Prevention, 1995
Taylor JF

Practical Renal Medicine
Blackwell, 1993
Gabriel, Roger

Macleods Clinical Examination
Churchill Livingstone, 1995
John Munro (ed)

100 short cases for the MRCP
Chapman & Hall, 2nd ed, 1995
Gupta K

Royal College of Surgeons of England. College of Anaesthetists. Commission on the Provision of Surgical Services. Report of the Working Party: Pain After Surgery.
London: RCS/CoA, 1990

Royal College of Physicians
MRCP (UK) Part 1 and 2 Papers
RCP, 1994

A guide to dermatology
MBHA, 1995
Harrison PV, Blewitt RW

The new Aird's Companion in Surgical Studies
Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, 1992
Burnand, KG (ed)

American Psychiatric Association
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-IV.
Washington: APA, 2nd ed, 1994

Pathology for Surgeons
Butterworth Heinemann, 2nd ed, 1993
Spence, Roy AJ

The Lancaster and Westmorland Medical Journal Prize

REGULATIONS

- An annual prize of £100 and a commemorative medal will be awarded for the best article by a medical student or doctor in a training grade published in the journal.
- Only the first-named author will be considered.
- All eligible published articles will be automatically considered. The winner will be announced in the January issue.
- The content, style and presentation of the original submitted article will form part of the entry.
- Judging will be at the sole discretion of the editorial board.
- The award will run for an initial period of three years and will be evaluated after that time.