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British Association for Surgeons of the Knee in Association with Institute of Orthopaedics

Fixation of fractures about the knee: 19 May 1994

Details: Carol Winston, Course Administrator, RNOHT, Brickley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4LP

Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Trust in Association with Institute of Orthopaedics

Second Stanmore Spinal Injuries Course: 22/23 April 1994
One day basic skills workshop on arthroscopy of the knee: 12 May 1994

Management of urinary catheters: 2 June 1994

Details: Carol Winston, Course Administrator, Teaching Centre, RNOHT, Brickley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4LP

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

MRCP Part II 5 day course for clinical examination;

Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June 1994

Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October 1994

Details from: Dr Geraint James, Visiting Professor of Medicine, The Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG. Tel: 071 794 0500 ext 3931.

Institute of Psychiatry

Update on dementia and functional disorders in old age: 13/14 July 1994

Details of these and other courses from: Mrs Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

Robert Jones Lecture. J.A. Fixsen. Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, London: 13 April 1994

Moynihan Lecture: Professor S. Strasburg. Harrogate: 20 April 1994

Hunterian Lecture: Professor F.T. McDermott. Harrogate: 21 April 1994

Details: Secretary's Office, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

Royal Society of Medicine

Forum on 'Learning Disability' Saturday 9 April 1994

Forum on Sexual Medicine and Family Planning Conference on 'HRT and the cardiovascular system' Friday 22 April 1994

Details: Mrs N. Taub, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

Institute of Laryngology and Otology (University College London Medical School)

Basic Science Class for Part 1 DLO (Anatomy and Physiology): 18-29 April 1994

Details: Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330/332 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE.

University of Warwick

Short course: Technique and applications of molecular biology: a course for medical practitioners: 18-21 July 1994

Details: Dr V. McGowan, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL.

University of Sussex

Institute of Continuing and Professional Education. Postgraduate Diploma in Education

(Health Professions). One calendar year

Details: M. Jones, c/o MA & In-Service Awards Office, ICAPE, EDB University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, E. Sussex BN1 9RG.

Lancaster University

Basic Molecular Biology: a short course on current techniques of DNA manipulation: 10-14 April 1994.

Details: Dr Sarah Andrew, Biological Sciences Division, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YQ.

Fourth International Conference on Systemic Lupus - SLE 26-31 March 1995: Jerusalem, Israel

Information: Fourth International Conference on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, PO Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel.

University of Leeds

Philosophical ethics in reproductive medicine: 18-21 April 1994

Details: Mrs H. Thackray, Department of Continuing Professional Education, Continuing Education Building, Springfield Mount, Leeds LS2 9NG.

Progression of atherosclerosis in anginal syndromes and heart transplantation

International conference: 23-24 June 1994. Palazzo dei Congressi, Lugano, Switzerland

Information: PD Dr. med. A. Gallino, Head Division of Cardiology, Ospedale San Giovanni, 6500 Bellinzona, Switzerland.

Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy

2-4 October 1994. VIth International Conference, Berlin.

Details: KIT Congress Marketing Services, GmbH, Cord v. der Luhe, Kurfurstendamm 26a, D-10719 Berlin, Germany. Tel: + (0)30-885 70213.

XIIth International Conference on Calcium Regulating Hormones

Melbourne, Australia: 14-19 February 1995

Details: Secretary, XIIth ICCRH, c/o St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research, 41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065 Australia.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL TUTORS

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