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ABC of One to Seven, 3rd edition, H.B. Valman. Pp. 144, illustrated. BMJ, London, 1993. Paperback, £8.95.

Advances in Pineal Research, 7th edition, edited by G.J.M. Maestroni, A. Conti and R.J. Reiter. Pp. 306, illustrated. John Libbey, London, Paris, Rome, 1994. Paperback, £32.50.

Annual Review of Genetics, Vol. 27, edited by A. Campbell, W. Anderson and E.W. Jones. Pp. 557, illustrated. Annual Reviews, California, 1993. Hardback, £23.00.

Annual Review of Medicine, Vol. 45, edited by C.H. Coggins and E. William Hancock. Pp. 600, illustrated. Annual Reviews, Palo Alto, California, 1994. Hardback, £25.00.

Annual Review of Immunology, Vol. 12, 1994, edited by W.E. Paul, C. Garrison Fathman and H. Metzger. Pp. 1093, illustrated. Annual Reviews, Palo Alto, California, 1994. Hardback, £25.00.

Annual Review of Public Health, Vol. 15, edited by G.S. Omenn, J.E. Fielding and L.B. Lave. Pp. x + 602, illustrated. Annual Reviews, Palo Alto, California, 1994. Hardback, £30.00.

Certification and Recertification of Doctors: Issues in the Assessment of Clinical Competence, edited by D. Newble, B. Jolly and R. Wakeford. Pp. 249. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1993. Hardback, £37.50.

Death to Dust—What Happens to Dead Bodies, K.V. Iserson. Pp. xx + 709, illustrated. Galen, Arizona, USA, 1994. Hardback, £18.00.

Clinical Endocrinology, 2nd edition, G.M. Besser, M.O. Thorner and D.N. Orth. Illustrated. Wolfe, 1994. Hardback, £99.00.

Free Radicals in Medicine, edited by T.F. Slater and K.H. Cheeseman. Pp. 320, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, London, New York, Edinburgh, Tokyo, 1993. Hardback, £49.95.

A Guide to Symptom Relief in Advanced Cancer, C.F.B. Regnard and S. Tempest. Pp. 69. Haigh & Hochland, Manchester, 1992. Paperback, £4.95.

The Health Manager's Guide to the Pharmaceutical Industry, 1994, in sections. Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, 1994. Binder, no charge.

How to Write a Paper, contributing authors. Pp. 117. BMJ, London, 1994. Paperback, £8.95.

Liver Transplantation: Practice & Management, edited by J. Neuberger and M.R. Lucey. Pp. 400, illustrated. BMJ, London, 1994. Hardback, £27.50.

Magnesium 1993, edited S. Golf, D. Dralle and L. Vecchiet. Pp. 446, illustrated. John Libbey, London, 1993. Hardback, £46.00.

Management of Common Metabolic Bone Disorders, G. Campbell, J. Compston and A. Crisp. Pp. 170, illustrated. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1993. Paperback, £14.95.

Medical Statistics on Personal Computers, R.A. Brown and J. Swanson Black. Pp. ix + 146, illustrated. BMJ, London. Paperback, £10.95.

Minimal Access General Surgery, edited by D. Rosin. Pp. 250, illustrated. Radcliffe Medical Press, Oxford, New York, 1994. Hardback, £45.00.

Modelling Hospital Resource Use, edited by P.H. Millard and S.I. McClean. Pp. 125, illustrated. Royal Society of Medicine, London, 1994. Paperback, £15.00.

Molecular Aspects of Anticancer Drug – DNA Interactions, Vol. 2, edited by S. Neidle and M. Waring. Pp. 356, illustrated. Macmillan, Basingstoke, 1994. Hardback, £65.00.

Molecular Biology of Digestive Disease, edited by P. Quirke. Pp. 128, illustrated. BMJ, London, 1994. Paperback, £12.95.

Moral Threats and Dangerous Desires – AIDS in the News Media, D. Lupton. Pp. 186. Taylor and Francis, Reading, 1994. Paperback, £12.95.

Neurological Emergencies, edited by R.A.C. Hughes. Pp. viii + 359, illustrated. BMJ, London, 1994. Paperback, £19.95.

New Drugs, 3rd edition, edited J. Feely. Pp. 448, illustrated. BMJ, London, 1994. Paperback, £17.95.

New Perspectives in Lung Cancer, edited by N. Thatcher and S. Spiro. Pp. 200, illustrated. BMJ, London, 1994. Paperback, £21.95

Palliative Care Open Learning Guide Controlling the Pain, Loose-leaf binder, illustrated. St Oswald's Hospice, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1994. Binder, £33.00.

Procedures in Practice, edited by N.A. Scott. Pp. xii + 272. illustrated. BMJ, London, 1994. Paperback, £14.95.

Psychiatry in Medical Practice, 2nd edition, D. Goldberg, S. Benjamin and F. Creed. Pp. xiv + 350. Routledge, London, 1994. Paperback, £16.99.

Quality and Safety in Anaesthesia, edited by J. Secker Walker. Pp. 212, illustrated. BMJ, London, 1994. Paperback, £16.95.

Radiology and Imaging for Medical Students, D. Sutton. Pp. 270, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, London, New York, Edinburgh, Tokyo, 1994. Paperback, £17.50.

The Trainee Companion to General Practice, edited by J. Rosenthal, J. Naish and M. Lloyd. Pp. 391, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, London, Edinburgh, New York, Tokyo, 1993. Hardback, £19.95.

Understanding Common Disorders in Reproductive Endocrinology, edited by M.M. Dooley and M.P. Brincat. Pp. 167, illustrated. John Wiley, New York, Chichester, Brisbane, Toronto, 1994. Hardback, £29.95.

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Royal College of Surgeons of England

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Diabetes, Coronary Heart Disease and Renal Disease: The Deadly Triad

10 September 1994 – University of Warwick, UK.
*Details: Mrs Fiona Legate, 15 Millbrook Drive, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire LE9 6UX, UK.
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2-4 October 1994. VIth International Conference, Berlin.
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Neonatal course for senior paediatricians: 28 November to 2nd December 1994
Applications to Symposium secretary: RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. Tel: 081 740 3904.

Royal Society of Medicine

'Food hazards to health: myth or reality?' – conference 6/7 October 1994
'New antibody technology and the emergence of useful cancer therapy' – conference 10/11 October 1994
Forum on Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics 'The ethics of therapeutics – from development to clinical application' 10 November 1994
Forum on Quality in Health Care and British Association of Medical Managers; joint meeting 'Trying issues: dissecting the medical mishap' – 7th December 1994.
Details: Mrs N. Taub, Forums Executive, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

MRCP Part II course for clinical examination
Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October 1994
Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 1995
Monday 5 June to Friday 9 June 1995
Details: Dr D. Geraint James, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG. Tel: 071 794 0500 ext 3931.

University of Sussex

Institute of Continuing and Professional Education.
Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Health Professions). One calendar year
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Institute of Orthopaedics

Course on Disorders of the Hand. April to July 1994.
Course 'Pain – Are we responding to the Challenge?' 14 October 1994.
Details: Teaching Centre, RNOHT, Brockley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4LP.

University of Warwick

Short course: Techniques and applications of molecular biology: a course for medical practitioners: 12-15 December 1994
Details: Dr S. Hicks, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL. Tel: 0203 523540.

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. Tel: 61-3-288 2485.

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