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Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Courses: 'Who should have a child and who should be born?' – 31 October 1994

'Ethical dilemmas in maternal & child care' – 1 November 1994

Details: RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, London W6 0XG, UK. Tel: 081 740 3904.

London Hospital Medical College

Course 'Helping Smokers Give Up' (New Research and Skills) 2-4 November 1994.

Details: Course Secretary, Janice Rossabi, London Hospital Medical College, Academic Department of Psychiatry, Turner Street, London E1 2AD, UK. Tel: 071 377 7266.

Institute of Psychiatry

The analysis of repeated measures designs using BMDP 8/9 November 1994.

Details: Ms Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF, UK.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Preventive Medicine Symposium – 9/10 November 1994

Details: Education, Audit and Research Dept, Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh, UK. Tel: 031 225 7324.

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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.

Thames Regional Perinatal Group

Seminar: High risk obstetrics and Adaptation to post-natal life – 11 November 1994

Details: Course Registrations, PO Box 3219, London SW13 9XR, UK. Tel: 081 741 1311.

RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

'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.

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Details: Dr S. Hicks, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL. Tel: 0203 523540.

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

MRCP Part II course for clinical examination

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.

XIIth International Conference on Calcium Regulating Hormones

Melbourne, Australia, 14-19 February 1995.

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