

Gut Editorial Committee

J J MISIEWICZ
(Editor)

D L WINGATE
(Book Review Editor)

D J ALLISON
K D BUCHANAN
D C CARTER

V S CHADWICK
P B COTTON
A G COX
A L W F EDDLESTON
ANNE FERGUSON
J T HARRIES
K W HEATON
I D HILL
M HOBSLEY

D P JEWELL
E G LEE
R J LEVIN
C MCCARTHY
F W O'GRADY
N READ
J RHODES
P J SCHEUER
D SILK

H THOMPSON
A M TOMKINS
ROGER WILLIAMS
RALPH WRIGHT

EDITOR
British Medical Journal

GRACE WILLIAMS
(Technical Editor)

Gut publishes original papers and reviews concerned with practice and research in the field of gastroenterology. The field is that of alimentary, hepatic, or pancreatic disease, and papers may cover the medical, surgical, radiological, or historical aspects. They may also deal with the basic sciences concerned with the alimentary tract, including experimental work. The report of a single case will be accepted only if it is of sufficient interest in relation to a wider field of research.

COMMUNICATIONS Two copies of papers and figures should be addressed to the Editor, *Gut*, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1 9JR. Papers are accepted only on the understanding that they are not published elsewhere without previous sanction of the Editorial Committee. Manuscripts should follow the Vancouver conventions (see *Br Med J* 1979; 1: 532-5. *Gut* 1979; 20: 651-2). They should be in double-spaced typewriting on one side of the paper only. On the paper the name of the author should appear with initials (or distinguishing Christian name) only, and the name and address of the hospital or laboratory where the work was performed. A short summary should be provided at the beginning of the paper.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANUSCRIPTS Manuscripts will not be acknowledged unless a stamped addressed postcard or international reply coupon is enclosed.

ILLUSTRATIONS *Photographs* Unmounted photographs on glossy paper should be provided. *Diagrams* These will usually be reduced to 2½ in wide. Lettering should be in either Letraset or stencil, and care should be taken that lettering and symbols are of comparable size. Illustrations should not be inserted in the text, they should be marked on the back with Figure numbers, title of paper, and name of author. All photographs, graphs, and diagrams should be referred to as Figures and should be numbered consecutively in the text in Arabic numerals. The legends for illustrations should be typed on a separate sheet. *Tables* Tables should be numbered consecutively in the text in Arabic numerals and each typed on a separate sheet.

ETHICS Ethical considerations will be taken into account in the assessment of papers (see the Medical Research Council's publications on the ethics of human experimentation, and the World Medical Association's code of ethics, known as the Declaration of Helsinki (see *Br Med J* 1964; 2:177)).

SI UNITS All measurements except blood pressure are expressed in SI units. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations value are given in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units and some useful conversion

factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977). Such conversion is the responsibility of the author.

REFERENCES These follow the Vancouver system - that is, references numbered consecutively in the text and listed numerically with titles abbreviated in the style of *Index Medicus, Standard journal article* - (list all authors when six or less; when seven or more, list first three and add *et al*): James A, Joyce B, Harvey T. Effect of long-term cimetidine. *Gut* 1979; 20: 123-4. **NB: Accurate punctuation is essential.**

CORRECTIONS other than printer's errors may be charged to the author.

REPRINTS Twenty-five reprints will be supplied free of charge. Further reprints will be available on payment of the necessary costs; the number of reprints required should be sent to the Publishing Manager on the form provided with the proof.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS Application for advertisement space and for rates should be addressed to the Advertisement Manager, *Gut*, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS *Gut* is published monthly. The annual subscription rate is £42.00 in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, and \$103.00 by surface mail in all countries overseas. Payment for overseas subscriptions should be made in US dollars, i.e. US\$103.00 or in your national currency based on the prevailing exchange rate to the US dollar of that currency, payable to the British Medical Association. Orders can also be placed with any leading subscription agent or bookseller. (For the convenience of readers in the USA subscription orders, with or without payment, can also be sent to: *British Medical Journal*, 1172 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. 02134. All enquiries, however, must be addressed to the Publisher in London.) All enquiries regarding Air Mail rates and single copies already published should be addressed to the Publisher in London.

COPYRIGHT © 1982 *Gut*. This publication is copyright under the Berne Convention and the International Copyright Convention. All rights reserved. Apart from any relaxations permitted under national copyright laws, no part of the publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means without the prior permission of the copyright owners. Permission is not, however, required to copy abstracts of papers or articles on condition that a full reference to the source is shown. Multiple copying of the contents of the publication without permission is always illegal.

ISSN 0017-5749

decades ago. *Crohn's Workshop: A Global Assessment of Crohn's Disease* is the outcome of a meeting held in Cape Town during August 1979 which aimed, among other things to decide whether there has been a real increase in the incidence of the disease. Readers hoping to find an answer to this critical question should start with the highly pertinent and intelligent chapters contributed by M J S Langman and J K Ritchie which highlight many of the difficulties in undertaking satisfactory epidemiological studies and interpreting their results. The book is divided into four sections which deal with a general description of the disease, the features of the disorder in high and low incidence countries, and, finally, the problems of gathering acceptable data in this most perplexing illness. The clinical, pathological, and radiological accounts are relatively brief and most interest lies in the documentation of Crohn's disease from high incidence countries: USA, Britain, Netherlands, and Sweden, and those where there is a low incidence: South Africa, Australia, Brazil, and Japan. At the finish, the reader will be no closer to the cause of Crohn's disease but he will have enlarged his perspective of the problems and familiarised himself with the difficulties facing those who study this disease.

I A D BOUCHIER

The Pancreas Edited by W M Keynes and R G Keith. (Pp. 371. Illustrated. £18.00.) W Heinemann: London, 1981.

Diseases of the pancreas have always bedevilled the diagnostic acumen of the physician. In recent years there have been many striking advances in our knowledge of how the gland works and in the development of new diagnostic procedures which have a particular relevance to this gland. These advances have been collated into a book by contributions from acknowledged experts in this field.

The book is a further edition of the 'Tutorials in Postgraduate Medicine' series. It has been divided into eight sections and there are 24 contributors. As well as covering the diagnostic and hormonal advances there are sections describing the normal function and control of the organ and an expanded one on pancreatitis. Emphasis has been placed on those areas of interest to the clinician and an effort is made to give diverging opinions where appropriate. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of needless repetition between chapters. One is left with the feeling that if the editors had spent more time in editing and less on editorial notes it would have helped.

The book is dominated by surgical contributors, especially so in the clinical section. Physicians may cavil at some of the points made on the management of complications traditionally in their domain. As with any multi-author book some chapters are less comprehensive than others and some are regrettably inadequately referenced for the audience for whom the book is intended. Nevertheless there are excellent treatises on many topics, which include the secretions of the pancreas and its clinical assessment, cystic fibrosis, new radiological techniques, and endoscopic pancreatography. Overall this book will be of interest to all clinicians as an exposition of the present state of the art.

R G WEIR

Books received

Human Nutrition Research Edited by Gary R Beecher. Beltsville Symposium No. 4. (Pp. 303; illustrated; £20.) St Albans, Herts: Granada Publishing, 1982.

Stoma Care Edited by Brigid Breckman. (Pp. 217; illustrated; £9.50 limp cover.) Beaconsfield, Bucks: Beaconsfield Publishers, 1981.

Colonic Carcinogenesis Falk Symposium 31. Edited by Ronald A Malt and Robin C N Williamson. (Pp. 406; illustrated; £26.50.) Lancaster: MTP Press, 1982.

Clinical Ultrasound Reviews Volume 2. Edited by Fred Winsberg and James Stewart. (Pp. 474; illustrated; £48.) Chichester, Sussex: Wiley, 1982.

Histochemistry The Widening Horizons of Applications in the Biomedical Sciences. Edited by Peter J Stoward and Julia M Polak. (Pp. 293; illustrated; £25.) Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley, 1981.

Intestinal Protozoan and Helminthic Infections Reports of a WHO Scientific Group. Tech. Rep. Ser. 666. (Pp. 150; not illustrated; Sw fr 10.) London: HMSO, 1981.

World Review of Nutrition and Dietetics Vol. 38. Physiology and Social Nutrition and Nutritional Education. Edited by G H Bourne. (Pp. 299; illustrated; DM 195, \$97.75.) Basel: Karger, 1981.

Diarrhea in Disorders of Intestinal Transport Edited by Hans Ruppin, Wolfram Domschke, and Konrad H Soergel. (Pp. 195. Illustrated. Price not stated.) New York: Thieme, 1981.

Developments in Nuclear Medicine 1. Cholescintigraphy Edited by P H Cox. (Pp. 219. Illustrated. Price not stated.) Dordrecht, Holland: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1981.