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Drugs and the liver: high risk patients and transplantation

An international symposium will take place at the Hotel Executive, Milan, Italy, on 3–5 July 1991. Further information is available from the Organising Secretary, Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini, Via Monte Napoleone 23, 20121 Milan, Italy (tel 39276 002267 – 783868, fax 392781511).

Mayo-European course in gastroenterology, 18–24 August 1991

This postgraduate course is co-sponsored by the Mayo Foundation and the Vienna Medical Education Office. It will be held in Vienna, Austria (18–21 August 1991); Budapest, Hungary (22, 23 August 1991); and Prague, Czechoslovakia (24 August 1991, optional). For further information contact Dr Siegfried Meryn, Congress Office, Mondial Congress, Faulmannngasse 4, A-1040 Vienna, Austria (tel

0222 588040, telex 0222 111668, fax 0222 5871268) or Dr S F Phillips, Gastroenterology Unit, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN 55905, USA.

European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)

The 26th meeting of EASL will take place on 11–14 September 1991 at Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Further information is available from the EASL Secretary, Professor J Reichen, Department of Pharmacology, Murtenstrasse 35, CH-3010-Berne (tel 41 31 643570, fax 41 31 254713).

European digestive disease week, 1991

The European digestive disease week 1991 will be held in Amsterdam from 21–26 October, 1991 as a PanEuropean forum for clinicians and researchers in hepatology and gastroenterology.

Enquiries and registration forms are available from QLT/Congrex, Keizersgracht 782, 1017 EC Amsterdam, The Netherlands (tel 31 (0)20 261372, fax 31 (0)20 259574).

Safer sclerotherapy – luer lock

Doctors David Clements and Paul Smith of Llandough Hospital, South Glamorgan, suggest a simple change in practice that would improve the safety of endoscopy for staff. They commend the use of a luer lock syringe for the sclerosant when injecting varices.¹ In the six months since adopting this practice they have avoided the hazard of being sprayed with sclerosant on occasions when the syringe detaches from the needle during injection.

Luer lock syringes are readily available and only marginally more expensive.

¹ Herlithy KJ, Bozyski EM. Sclerotherapists eye. *Gastrointest Endosc* 1982; 28: 42–3.

Correction

In vitro anticolon antibody production by mucosal or peripheral blood lymphocytes from patients with ulcerative colitis by T Hibi *et al*, December 1990; 31: 1371–6. In this paper in Figure 3 (colour plate) parts *a* and *b* were inverted and parts *c* and *d* were inverted; thus in the legend *a* describes plate *b*, *b* describes *a*, *c* describes *d* and *d* describes *c*.