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The Twenty Eighth Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society was held in the University of Oxford from 19 to 21 September 1984 under the presidency of Professor Martin Vessey. The following papers were presented.

A booklet of the abstracts may be obtained by writing to Professor M Vessey, Department of Community Medicine, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. The cost of the booklet is £1.00.

Between the Acts: Community mental health services, 1959–83
F M Martin
Department of Social Administration, Glasgow University

Unemployment and mortality in the OPCS Longitudinal Study
D R Jones, K Moser, J Fox, and P Goldblatt
Social Statistics Research Unit, The City University, London

Does the inverse care law still operate?
J Wood
Department of General Practice, University of Manchester

Cancer in Cumberland: any link with Sellafield?
A J Hall, M J Gardner, and P D Winter
MRC Environmental Epidemiology Unit, Southampton General Hospital, Southampton

Epidemiology of gallstones in women
F Pixley, D Wilson, and J Mann
Department of Community Medicine, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

Social class variations in the use of common surgical operations
A Coulter and K McPherson
Department of Community Medicine, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

Predictors of survival in premenopausal breast cancer
D Yeates, E R Greenberg, K McPherson, and M Vessey
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Cancer mortality in small areas around nuclear facilities in England and Wales
J A Baron
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Analysing the geographical distribution of cancer cases near nuclear power plants
J F Bithell and R A Stone
Department of Biomathematics, University of Oxford, Oxford

Second primary tumours among childhood cancer survivors
M M Hawkins and G J Draper
Childhood Cancer Research Group, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

Malignant melanoma and exposure to fluorescent and other lighting
C Williamson and J M Elwood
Department of Community Health, University of Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham

Costs of terminal care for patients dying of cancer
R Bettelheim, J Chamberlain, L MacDonald, H R Anderson, E D Tod, and P Freeling
SW Thames Regional Cancer Organisation, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey

Use of Trade Union sources of data in identifying occupational mortality risks
A C Fletcher and P Kirby
Health & Safety Unit, University of Aston, Gosta Green, Birmingham

Socioeconomic group and its relation to diagnosis and dependency in hospital patients
P Kilbane and J Ashley
Medical Scientific Division, NE Thames Regional Health Authority, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2

Peptic ulcer perforation in England and Wales: not a diminishing problem
A J Silman and M Vandenburg
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, The London Hospital, London E1

Setting of standards in general practice: outcome as measure of performance
A G Barton, C J W Foy, E V Haimes, J Hewison, R D Humphrey, A Hutchinson, G C Loomes, and I T Russell
Health Care Research Unit, 21 Claremont Place, Newcastle upon Tyne

Patterns of morbidity in London: results from a community survey project
S Curtis
Health Research Group, Department of Geography, Queen Mary College, University of London

Health promotion problems arising from a strong local tobacco industry
G J Scally
Department of Community Medicine, Northern Health and Social Board, Ballymena, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland

Survey of health knowledge of insulin-dependent diabetics
C A Chew
University of Manchester Medical School, Manchester

Making clinical indicators perform
J Miller
Department of Community Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London WC1E
Health care evaluation to implementation of change: a case study
F G R Fowkes, C M Anglim, and C J Roberts
Department of Epidemiology, Welsh National School of Medicine, Heath Park, Cardiff

Community hospitals in Oxfordshire: effect on the use of specialist inpatient services
J E Baker, M Goldacre, and M Gray
Department of General Practice, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

Coronary artery bypass grafting—is a district-based service justifiable?
A M Johnson and P Martin
Department of Community Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London WC1E

Patients in receipt of community psychiatric nursing care in Salford, 1976–82
K Wooff, D P Goldberg, and T Fryers
Department of Community Medicine, University of Manchester

Mentally handicapped children living at home: what causes most stress for their families?
J Pahl and L Quine
Health Services Research Unit, University of Kent, Canterbury

Stress and severe postpartum psychiatric disorders
C J Martin
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Cross cultural assessment of psychological symptoms
E Watson
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Assessment of the quality of follow up of patients with cervical cytology
G M Jones, J M Elwood, R E Cotton, J Johnson, J Curnow, and M W Beaver
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A case control study of cervical cancer screening in North East Scotland
S M Moss, N E Day, D M Parkin, and J E MacGregor
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Cervical cancer and marital status: an analysis of a changing pattern using vital statistics
M F G Murphy
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Concealed pregnancies: unexpected findings from the Home Births Survey
R Campbell
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Manpower activity effectiveness relationship in obstetrics and gynaecology
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Case control studies to assess the effects of deficient obstetric care during labour
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Impact of computed tomography on management of subdural haematoma
M Garraway, J P Whisnant, R Dickson, and T Turvey
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Food allergy in asthma
M L Burr, A M Fehily, N C H Stott, and T G Merrett
MRC Epidemiology Unit, Cardiff

Thyrotoxicosis and dietary iodine
D I W Phillips and D J P Barker
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Epidemiology of a waterborne outbreak of gastroenteritis: Bramham, 1980
E E M Kernohan
Bradford Health Authority, Bradford

Alcohol, HDL cholesterol, and ischaemic heart disease
S J Pocock, A G Shaper, A N Phillips, and M Walker
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The Oxford prevention of heart attack and stroke project
E Fullard, G Fowler, and M Gray
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Natural history of obesity in a national birth cohort
F E M Braddock, R E Midwinter, and J R T Colley
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Cost benefit analysis of rubella vaccination in the UK
N P Cartwright
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Risk factors for acute neurological illness in young children
J Wadsworth, J Diamond, D L Miller, and E M Ross
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Prevalence of middle ear effusion and incidence of acute otitis media in children in general practice
R Reves, R Budgett, A Haines, S Gellert, and D Miller
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Surgery for glue ear—the determinants of a surgical epidemic
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Rural-urban variations in service provision for the elderly
D J Hunter, C Cantley, I Fordyce, and I MacPherson
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Effectiveness of an age-related geriatric medicine admissions policy in a London Health District
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Disturbed urinary function: prevalence and uptake of services in an elderly population
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Use of a stigma self-rating measure in a community study of rectal cancer patients
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Needs of patients at home with terminal cancer
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