Society for Social Medicine

The Thirtieth Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society was held in the University of Leicester from 10 to 12 September 1986 under the presidency of Professor Michael Clarke. The following papers were presented:

Women and work—the Leicestershire Perinatal Mortality Survey
E S Mason and M Clarke
Department of Community Health, University of Leicester

Mortality risks in the elderly
C Jagger and M Clarke
Department of Community Health, University of Leicester

Ischaemic heart disease in Bradfordian Asians
E E M Kernohan, M Whitton and M R Baker
Clinical Epidemiology Research Unit, University of Bradford

Overweight and obesity in middle-aged British men
R Weatherall, A G Shaper, and S J Pocock
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London

Effect of age on measures of quality of life in hypertensive patients
A Fletcher, B Hunt, and C J Bulppitt
Department of Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

What do women really want? Problems in the evaluation of a women's health project
I Jessopp and S Griffiths
Department of Community Medicine, City & Hackney Health Authority

What determines the length of time required to become sterile after vasectomy?
B Spencer
Department of Epidemiology, University Hospital of South Manchester

Cervical cancer in nuns and prostitutes
P Srkabanek
Department of Community Health, Trinity College, Dublin

Performance indicators for theatres
R Joc, D Morgan, and S Zafra-Cabrera
Department of Community Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

District health authorities as trading organisation: a balance of payments problem?
J Brazier
Department of Community Medicine, St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London

Movement of nurses between the private and public sectors
K J Thomas, J P Nicholl, and B T Williams
Department of Community Medicine, University of Sheffield

Measures of respiratory impairment as risk factors for 10-year cardiovascular disease in the Whitehall study
K L Ebi-Kryston, M J Shipley, H L J Markowe, C J Bulppitt, and G Rose
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Non-responders and mortality in a prospective study
M Walker and A G Shaper
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Royal Free Hospital, London

Prognosis of adult asthma—results of a national study
H Markowe, K Kryston, M Shipley, C Bulppitt, D Crombie, and G Rose
Department of Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Reproductive history and risk of ovarian cancer
M Booth, V Beral, and P G Smith
Department of Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Importance of smoking, sexual experience, and contraceptive pill use in the development of carcinoma in situ, squamous, adeno-, and other carcinomas of the uterine cervix
M Murphy (OPCS, London), P Silcocks (St. George's Hospital Medical School, London), and M Bone (OPCS, London)

Oral contraceptives and other risk factors for uterine fibroids
M P Vessey, M C Pike, R K Ross, and D Yeates
Department of Community Medicine, Oxford University

Responding to public need: a study of housing and health
C J Martin (Research Unit in Health & Behavioural Change, Edinburgh University), S D Platt (MRC Unit for Epidemiological Studies in Psychiatry, Edinburgh University), and S M Hunt (Research Unit in Health & Behavioural Change)

Social factors and mental health
B Rodgers
MRC National Survey of Health & Development, University of Bristol

Inequalities: Social class differentials in health in youth
P West
MRC Medical Sociology Unit, University of Glasgow

Quality of life in families of children with eczema
C Hawkins, M Glover*, A Fletcher, D Atherton*, and C Bulppitt
Department of Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene, and *Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London

Does asthma affect education?
J M Bland, H R Anderson, S Patel*, and C Peckham**
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, St. George's Hospital Medical School, London. *Department of Community Medicine, St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London, and **Institute of Child Health, London

Infant feeding and allergy
M J Burr, F Miskelly, E Vaughan-Williams, A M Fehily, and B K Butland
MRC Epidemiology Unit, Cardiff
Lifestyles in the Oxford Region: health behaviour and socio-economic status
A Coulter and J Cowden
Department of Community Medicine, University of Oxford

Medical education and inequalities in health
M Wood, P Wright, and C Yangou
Department of Community Medicine, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London

Public health and the accreditation of medical schools in the USA: a historical review
C J M Martini
American Medical Association, Chicago

Recognising and responding to children's symptoms: mother's dilemmas
S Cunningham-Burley (MRC Medical Sociology Unit, University of Glasgow) and CMU Maclean (Department of Community Medicine, University of Edinburgh)

Parents' perceptions of food intolerance in their children
R J Rona and S Chinn
Department of Community Medicine, St. Thomas' Hospital, London

Why do parents consult a GP for their child's respiratory illness?
S Wyke, J Hewison, and I Russell
Health Care Research Unit, University of Newcastle upon Tyne

Access to primary care: a study of the relationship between GPs' surgery hours and patients' attendance at an inner city A&E department
A Bowling, J Armstrong, C Wood
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, London Hospital Medical College

An examination of the variation in GP referral rates to consultants
A G Smith and D Wilkin
Centre for Primary Care Research, University of Manchester

Setting of standards in general practice: measuring outcome by post
J M Addington-Hall, A G Barton, C J W Foy, E V Haimes, J Hewison, R D Humphrey, A Hutchinson, and I T Russell
Health Care Research Unit, University of Newcastle upon Tyne

Appropriateness of gynaecological services for benign menstrual disorders
S Brown and M Vessey
Department of Community Medicine, University of Oxford

Breast self examination and breast cancer stage at diagnosis
D Mant, M Vessey, L Jones, A Neil, and K McPherson
Department of Community Medicine, University of Oxford

Older women who have never had a cervical smear. How do they differ and what are the implications for planning services?
A P Palmer
Department of Community Medicine, Trent Regional Health Authority

Evaluation of a district food and health policy
P A Troop
Department of Community Medicine, Cambridge Health Authority

Have "formal investigations" into fishing vessel losses ceased?
M S J Reilly
Department of Community Medicine, University of Dundee

Mortality of phenox herbicide workers
D Coggan, B Pannett, P D Winter, and J Bonsall
MRC Environmental Epidemiology Unit, Southampton General Hospital

A statistical information package for community child health services
E Alberman and D Bartley*
Department of Clinical Epidemiology, the London Hospital Medical College and *Department of Community Medicine, Guy's Hospital, London

Low uptake of measles immunisation and deficiencies of the child health computer system
R W Morris, A D Lakhani, M Morgan, C Dale, and M Vaile
Department of Community Medicine, St. Thomas Hospital, London, and Maidstone Health Authority, Kent.

A study of home accidents in pre-school children
R J Melia, D C Morrell*, A V Swan, J Bartholomew*, K Whitty*, M Magowan† and B Carmody†
Department of Community Medicine, St. Thomas's Hospital, *Department of General Practice, St. Thomas's Campus, †West Lambeth District Health Authority

Contribution of low-birthweight, congenital malformation and ethnicity to excess perinatal mortality in Bradford, 1975-84
K Marfell
Clinical Epidemiology Research Unit, University of Bradford

Recent trends in perinatal and infant mortality among multiple births in England and Wales
B Botting (OPCS), I M Davies (Department of Education and Science), and A Macfarlane (National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, Oxford)

Is late attendance for antenatal care a useful risk factor for subsequent development?
P W Thomas*, T J Peters, and J Golding*
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Long term mortality after a single treatment course with x rays in patients treated for ankylosing spondylitis
S C Darby, R Doll, S K Gill (ICRF Cancer Epidemiology Unit, Oxford) and P G Smith (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)

Survivors of childhood cancer—their health, pregnancies and health of offspring
M M Hawkins and R A Smith
Childhood Cancer Research Group, Oxford
Testicular cancer and undescended testis
C Chilvers (Institute of Cancer Research, Sutton) and
M C Pike (Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Oxford)

A study of eye disease in an elderly population
J M Gibson, J R Lavery, and A R Rosenthal
Department of Ophthalmology, University of Leicester

Weaning elderly patients off psychotropic medication in general practice
D A Jones
Research Team for the Care of the Elderly, Cardiff

Evaluation of the Rhondda early discharge scheme
C R Victor and N J Vetter
Research Team for the Care of the Elderly, Cardiff

A survey of late bookers for antenatal care in Central Manchester
D Chisholm
Department of Community Medicine, Central Manchester Health Authority

The Newbury Maternity Care Study: a randomised controlled trial to evaluate a policy of women holding their own obstetric record
D Elbourne, M Richardson, I Chalmers (National Perinatal Epidemiology unit, Oxford), I Waterhouse, E Holt (West Berkshire Health Authority, Reading)

St. Thomas' Maternity Case Notes Study: a randomised controlled trial assessing the effects of giving mothers their own obstetric notes
A Lovell, L I Zander (Department of General Practice); C E James (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology); S Foot (Midwifery School); A V Swan, A Reynolds (Department of Community Medicine) St. Thomas' Campus

Palmar keratoses: a study of general population prevalence
J J Kurinczuk and D G Clayton
Department of Community Health, University of Leicester

Water nitrates and stomach cancer: mortality of individuals in the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Longitudinal Study
P O Goldblatt (Social Statistics Research Unit, City University London), D R Jones (Clinical Epidemiology & Social Medicine, St. George's Hospital Medical School, London), and R F Lavey (Water Research Centre, Medmenham)

Relation between passive smoking and subsequent mortality and cancer incidence in a general population cohort
D Hole, C R Gillis (Cancer Surveillance Unit, Greater Glasgow Health Board) and V M Hawthorne (Department of Epidemiology, University of Michigan)

Alcohol consumption and pregnancy outcome
N D Sulaiman, C du V Florey (Department of Community Medicine) and D Taylor (Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology) Ninewells Hospital, Dundee

Geographical distribution of leukaemia in young persons in Scotland
J D Urquhart, R J Black, M A Heasman, and I W Kemp
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Are oral contraceptives associated with breast cancer?
K McPherson, P A Coope, and M P Vessey
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