In this number

641 The genome project alibi: towards a genetic reductionism? M Martín-Llaguno, C Alvarez-Dardet

Editorials

642 Writing for journals: a paradigm lost? T Albert

644 Wealth and health in relation to birth defects mortality M C Cornel

Duncan memorial lecture

645 Medical genetics, the human genome project and public health M Bobrow, A H Grimbleston

Debate

655 Coffee, pancreatic cancer and the question of causation H E Kuper, L A Mucci, D T richopoulos
652 Exposures, mutations and the history of causality P Vineis
654 Coffee, K-ras mutations and pancreatic cancer: A heterogeneous aetiology or an artefact? B K Jacobson, I Heuch

Research reports

660 Infant mortality and congenital anomalies from 1950 to 1994: an international perspective A Rosano, L D Botto, B Betting, P Mastroiacovo
667 Determinants of leisure time physical activity in rural compared with urban older and ethnically diverse women in the United States S Wilcox, C Castro, A C King, R Housemann, R C Brownson
673 Passive smoking at work: the short-term cost S M McGhee, P Adab, A J Hadley, T H Lam, L M Ho, R Fielding, C M Wong
677 An epidemiological study of the relative importance of damp housing in relation to adult health J Evans, S Hyndman, S Stewart-Brown, D Smith, S Petersson
687 Trends in Belgian premature avoidable deaths over a 20 year period P C Humbert, R Lagasse, J Levesque
692 Changes in cardiovascular risk factors in different socioeconomic groups: seven year trends in a Chinese urban population Z Yu, A Nisinen, E Vartiainen, G Song, Z Guo, H Tian

Theory and methods

697 Cost and health consequences of reducing the population intake of salt H M Slofmeier, I S Kristiansen, A Haglund, S Graff-Iversen, H K Larsen, H E Meyer, K H Benaa, D S Thelle

Public health policy and practice

703 Leadership for health. How can we ensure that the values and principles of public health become central to health and social policy? M Dalziel
705 Balkans briefing 6. Picking up the pieces: reflections on the initial stages of the reconstruction of the health care system in Kosovo, July 1999 L Davies
708 Two and a half minutes with the President J R Ashton
709 Management of menorrhagia in primary care—impact on referral and hysterectomy: data from the Somerset Morbidity Project C Grant, L Gallier, T Fahey, H Pearce, J Sarangi
714 Social and gender variation in the prevalence, presentation and general practitioner provisional diagnosis of chest pain H Richards, A McConnachie, C Morrison, K Murray, G Watt

Short report

719 Housing standards and excess winter mortality J P Clinch, J D Healy

Correction