

out of date; it was a surprise to read that AIDS is caused by "HTVL-111" and that zidovudine remains the only treatment.

The book's strength lies in its discussion of the less medical topics—for example, the passages on sexuality and sexual problems are written in a very accessible style.

In short, I believe this book tries to cover too much ground; its contents providing excessive medical detail, limiting its appeal to women with a non-medical background, and insufficient accuracy to be relied upon by healthcare professionals.

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**Managing Family Planning in General Practice.** By S ROWLANDS. London: Radcliffe Medical Press, 1997. (Pp 138; £16.50.) ISBN 1 85775 205 8.

This book is aimed at general practitioners and primary healthcare team members who are involved in family planning and who wish to organise a high quality, accessible service for all their patients. It is not designed to give detailed information about the different contraceptive methods which are well covered in other texts. Instead, it is an eminently practical book. It gives an overview of the public health and GP perspective for the delivery of family planning services, covers the ethical dilemmas and the medicolegal pitfalls involved, and gives practical advice in the management of frequently encountered family planning issues. Many of these areas are rarely covered in family planning books. For example, it lists the seven point guidelines for doctors performing intimate examinations aimed at avoiding patient complaint and gives advice for managing emergency contraceptives and encouraging young people to seek family planning advice. It emphasises the team approach, especially the roles of the practice nurse and the GP receptionist. The information is clearly displayed with concise text, diagrams, and bullet points where appropriate. It is obvious that the author and the other contributors are involved in the day to day clinical care and are keen to share their extensive knowledge and practical skills with a wider audience. I, for one, am very grateful that they have and I will certainly use the information gained from this valuable book to evaluate and improve the delivery of family planning services in my own practice.

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## NOTICES

**European Conference on Toxic Shock Syndrome—Royal Society of Medicine, London, 10–12 September 1997**

Further details: Marti Adair. Tel: +171 290 2981.

**6th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV)—Dublin, 11–15 September 1997**

**37th Annual Meeting of the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), 28 September–1 October 1997, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Further details: American Society for

Microbiology (ASM), Meetings Dept, 1325 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005–4171, USA. Tel 202–942–9297 or 202–942–9206; Fax 202–942–9267.

**The Annual Scientific Meeting of The Genitourinary Physicians Colposcopy Group—The Stakis Leicester, 4–5 October 1997**

Further details: Dr Emile T Morgan, St Luke's Hospital, Bradford. Tel: 01274 365088.

**RCP/RCPG Conference on HIV/AIDS Shared Care—Royal College of Physicians, London, 9 October 1997**

**Women and Children with HIV and AIDS, 10 October 1997**

A workshop to be held at Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, London. Applications to: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. Tel: 0181–383 3904; Fax: 0181–383 8555; email: sympreg@rpms.ac.uk

**Sixth European Conference on Clinical Aspects and Treatment of HIV-Infection, 11–15 October 1997, Hamburg, Germany**

Further details: Professor Dr M Dietrich, Sixth European HIV-Conference, Bernhard-Nocht-Institute for Tropical Medicine, Bernhard-Nocht-Strasse 74, D-20359 Hamburg, Germany. Tel +49–40–31182 390; Fax +49–40–31182 394.

**Sixth Regional Symposium on The Design and Method of Clinical Trials, 16–17 October 1997, at UCSF's Laurel Heights Campus in San Francisco, California, USA**

Further details: Lynda McNeal, Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143-0742, USA. Tel: (415) 476 4251; Fax: (415) 476-0318.

**Association of Genitourinary Medicine (AGUM) AGM—Royal Society of Medicine, London, 17 October 1997**

**International Congress of Sexually Transmitted Diseases—IUVDT/ISSDR Joint Meeting—Seville, Spain, 19–22 October 1997**

Further details: International Congress of STD, Apartado 6077, 41080, Seville, Spain.

**The 4th Annual Courses on Lasers in Cutaneous and Cosmetic Surgery, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 24–26 October 1997**

Further details: John Sprague, Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143-0742, USA. Tel: (415) 476–4251; Fax: (415) 476–0318.

**Gynaecological Oncology, 17 November 1997**

A symposium on gynaecological oncology will be held at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, London. Further details: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. Tel: 0181–383 3904; Fax: 0181–383 8555; email: symposia@rpms.ac.uk

**4th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, 18–22 November 1997, Manila, Philippines**

Further details: Dr Ofelia T Monzon, Chair, Organising Committee, 4th International Congress on AIDS/STD in Asia-Pacific. Fax +63 2 711 6693.

**Psychosexual Medicine in Practice, 19–20 November 1997**

A two day course on the practice of psychosexual medicine will be held at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, London. Further details: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. Tel: 0181–383 3904; Fax: 0181–383 8555; email: sympreg@rpms.ac.uk

**British Erectile Disorder Society, 27–28 November 1997**

Further details: Mrs Judy Turner, Nurse Consultant, Ravenview, 139 Armitage Road, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 1PJ. Tel 01889 579400.

**Xth International Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa, 7–11 December 1997, Abidjan, Ivory Coast**

Further details: Professor A Kadio, Conference Chairman, Programme Nationale de lutte contre le SIDA, les MST et de la Tuberculose, Boite Postale 2113, Abidjan 04, Ivory Coast. Tel +225 24 30 13; Fax +225 24 31 19.

**12th International Symposium on Bio-engineering and the Skin will be held on 25–27 June 1998, in Boston, MA, USA**

Further details: R Randall Wickett, PhD, University of Cincinnati, College of Pharmacy, 3223 Eden Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45267, USA. email: randy.wickett@uc.edu; http://www.fugazy.com/ISBS; Toll free phone number in the US 1-888-FET-GRPS (388-4777); Fax: +1-(601) 366-8682.

**IUVDT European Congress 1998 on STDs and Genital Dermatology, Göteborg, Sweden, 4–5 September 1998**

Further details: Dr Gun-Britt Löwhagen, Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Sahlgrenska Hospital S-413 45, Göteborg, Sweden. Tel: +46 31601000; Fax: +45 31821871.

**The Atopy Syndrome in the Third Millennium, Zurich, 2–3 October 1998**

An international symposium "The Atopy Syndrome in the Third Millennium" on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the allergy unit at the Department of Dermatology, University Hospital Zurich, and in collaboration with the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology. Further details: Prof Dr B Wüthrich, Dept of Dermatology, University of Zurich, Gloriastrasse 31, CH 8091 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel: +41-1-255 3079; Fax: +41-1-255 4431.

**6th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congress, 7–11 October 1998**

Further details: Jean-Paul Ortonne, Hôpital Pasteur Service de Dermatologie, 30 av de la Voie-Romaine BP 69, 06 002 Nice Cedex, France. Tel: 04 92 03 77 14; Fax: 04 92 03 84 43.