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Measles vaccination and the nephrotic syndrome

Sir,

A child who had received measles vaccine (Wellcome Laboratories) 10 days later developed generalized oedema, and proved to have a nephrotic syndrome. I am anxious to know if such a case has been previously reported.*

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*J. A. Kuzemko reported 3 similar cases in *British Medical Journal*, 1972, 4, 665. Ed.

Breast milk banks: the new model

Sir,

Present evidence seems to suggest increasingly that fresh human milk has a protective role in the syndrome of acute necrotizing enterocolitis and neonatal infection. For this reason (and many others), there appears to be a growing interest in the development of breast milk banks.

Considerable information already exists concerning the organization of such banks in the first decades of this century and earlier. However, the milk stored in these earlier banks was not usually fresh, being primarily required for feeding rather than control of bacterial colonization of the intestine. We have some information concerning earlier types of breast milk banks, and we felt it might be useful to supplement this with information

from interested paediatric hospitals or neonatal units which already have 'new model' banks or are attempting to initiate them. We would also welcome any advice or references concerning earlier models.

If any such groups or unit would care to send their name and address to us, we would be happy to send them a very short questionnaire on practices, procedures, and problems. If sufficient response to such questionnaires is generated, we intend to analyse the results and make them available to correspondents, and possibly to a wider audience.

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Hydroxyquinoline derivatives should not be used in the treatment of diarrhoea

Sir,

There is overwhelming proof that drugs containing 8-hydroxyquinoline derivatives used in the treatment of diarrhoea may cause serious neurological damage. The therapeutic benefit from these drugs has not been shown to be in reasonable proportion to the side effects. According to generally accepted medical principles these drugs should for this reason not be used. We appeal to all pharmaceutical companies still selling these drugs to discontinue the sale immediately.

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