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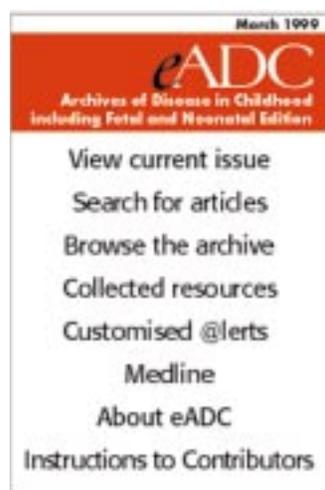
Editor's note

The *Archives* comes out of the basement: www.archdischild.com

Archives of Disease in Childhood is proud to announce the launch of *eADC*—a full text web site comprising both the standard and *Fetal and Neonatal* editions of the journal. The internet is an invaluable resource for science and medicine, and many publishers have recognised its potential to disseminate important research and to increase awareness of their journals internationally. *Archives of Disease in Childhood* has had an internet presence for some time but its website was rather basic (just tables of contents and general information). The new site has the same address (www.archdischild.com) but it has moved to California.

Archives of Disease in Childhood has joined its illustrious cousin the *BMJ* and many other important medical journals at HighWire Press, a division of Stanford University's Green Library. HighWire's mission is to "foster research and instruction by providing a more direct link between the writers and readers of scholarly materials".¹

The full contents of each issue of the *Archives* will put online (including figures and tables), in addition there is a fully searchable archive going back to October 1997 (as well as abstracts and tables of contents from much earlier issues), there is instant, free access to MEDLINE to expand



your search, as well as "customised @lerts", which will automatically alert you to newly published material of particular interest to your area of research. The "collected resources" feature allows you to search quickly for material in subspecialty areas. In future it will be possible to search across all the journals at HighWire Press including *Pediatrics* and the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*. *eADC* also links directly with *eBMJ* and other journals in the BMJ Publishing Group stable.

Each issue of *Archives of Disease in Childhood* (including the *Fetal and Neonatal* edition) will be put on line at the same time as the print version is distributed; therefore, readers outside the UK will not have to wait for days or weeks to enjoy the journal. Access to *eADC* will be free until July 1999. Various pricing models for subscriptions to the print and electronic versions are under discussion, so watch the website for more information as it becomes available.

The rapid advances in information technology and the immense penetration of the internet around the world means that important medical research can reach more people more quickly. *Archives* is pleased to embrace these advances; however, we aim to fulfil the needs of authors and readers so we welcome your comments on this development both through the website and more traditional methods. We are particularly interested in your ideas regarding material that might be published only in *eADC* and not in the printed version, such as case reports and letters to the editor.

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1 About HighWire Press. highwire.stanford.edu/about.shtml