

# WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

## CHLAMYDIA SCREENING

Two papers (pp. 84 and 86) and an editorial (p. 82) look at the theory and the practice of introducing **chlamydia screening** into primary care and family planning clinics.

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND RISK

While chlamydia infection is one problem, **Contraceptive risk and compensatory behaviour in young people in education post-16 years** (p. 91) examines the behaviour patterns of young people in relation to condom use and emergency contraception.

## ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION

Meanwhile, **A novel therapy with testosterone and sildenafil for erectile dysfunction in patients on renal dialysis or after renal transplantation** (p. 88) provides early but promising evidence for an advance in this field.

## ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

We may be worrying about educating teenagers about contraception, but **Attitudes of married individuals towards oral contraceptives: a qualitative study in Istanbul, Turkey** (p. 95) shows that Turkish couples have many misconceptions around family planning. Even more worrying is the fact that doctors themselves appear to be contributing to the problem.

## MENORRHAGIA

Menorrhagia is a common problem, both in primary care and hospital medicine. **Modern management of menorrhagia** (p. 118) reviews the investigation and treatment options available.

## LABORATORY TECHNIQUES

It is often difficult to keep up with rapidly changing laboratory techniques and specimen collection. Our final review article in this mini-series, **The laboratory diagnosis of gonorrhoea and syphilis infection** (p. 126), presents up-to-date information on clinical diagnosis, specimen collection and the various laboratory tests employed.

## LIQUID BASED CYTOLOGY

**Liquid-based cytology: the new screening test for cervical cancer control** (p. 123) is finally being introduced in the UK, and our review discusses the advantages and challenges ahead.

## CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS UNIT

The Clinical Effectiveness Unit has provided a Guidance document on the IUS (p. 99) and another example from their enquiry service (p. 111).

## COMPUTER-ASSISTED LEARNING

A CD-ROM accompanies this issue. It contains a computer-assisted learning package on IUDs and the IUS. The CD-ROM can be used for both training and updating, and I feel sure many readers will find it very useful. The accompanying article on p. 116 gives the background to the development of the CD-ROM.

## CONTRACEPTION IN EDINBURGH

The European Society of Contraception conference is being held in Edinburgh in June 2004. Ailsa Gebbie provides an overview of the highlights and achievements in the field of reproductive health in Edinburgh, past, present and future (p. 79).

## FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Our Consumer Correspondent, Susan Quilliam, has been discussing sex education with young women in Europe: see p. 128 for her findings.

Dr Rob Hicks joins us for the first time, to give us his thoughts on medical matters from a general practice and genitourinary medicine perspective. I hope you will find **Dr Rob's Bits** on p. 130 illuminating.

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