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Experimental Techniques of Assessment and Procedure for Provision of a Seat Mould

by Pat Dorsett and Alison Wisbeach

Up until recently there have been few medical department which provide a service of assessment and provision of moulded seat supports. This was mainly due to the lack of medical-engineering links but with the development of the Derby Seat Mould, and its availability through Ellis Son & Paramore, therapists throughout the country can order the Derby Mould directly without referring through another medical department.

This appears to be an ideal situation as the child is not put on a long waiting list, the assessment can be carried out by the therapist who knows the child best and will follow through with the practical daily use of this appliance.

Over a period of 6 years we have provided 127 children with one or more seat moulds. This experience allows us to utilise our time efficiently in gaining an optimum fit of the seat mould. We hope that some of these ideas will be helpful to therapists who are newly acquainting themselves with this process.

It is important to carefully assess the child considering:-

- (i) amount of postural correction possible and/or desirable. It is possible to over correct the child with resultant discomfort, reduced sitting tolerance and decreased function.
- (ii) Are there other support systems available which would be more suitable, i.e. cushioning, scoliosis systems, straps, jackets.
- (iii) Where and how will the support be used.

It seems easier to take the initial cast if each person present has a specific role -

- e.g.
- (i) one to apply trunk traction
 - (ii) one to maintain symmetry of the hips
 - (iii) one to shape the platilon bag around the child
 - (iv) one to operate the vacuum pump

We begin by positioning the hips aiming to achieve as symmetrical a base as possible. Generally, the trunk is angled backwards 5° - 10° with opposite pressures being applied to the scoliosis. (See diagram). Finally the head support can be shaped.

Once you are satisfied with the child's position and the air has been evacuated from the bag it is useful to visually evaluate the position achieved, using polaroid photographs of the child sitting with and without support. Any adjustments can then be made by partially introducing air into the bag, or it may be necessary to release the bag completely and begin again. Once a satisfactory position has been achieved and the child can be easily taken in/out, the platilon bag can be plastered. The plaster case is sent to the manufacturers who will finish it off by adding a layer of smooth casting plaster to the outer surface. A vacuum cast of evazote and ABS plastic is then taken.



At the first fitting stage the plastic shell should be placed in the wheelchair in which the child will use it. The child should then be placed in the shell, making sure that the hips are well back with weight as evenly distributed on both buttocks as possible. The trimming line should be drawn paying special attention to behind the knees and under the arms where pressure is most likely to be increased. Other considerations for trimming are the amount of support needed, cosmetic appearance and strap location. Once this has been done the A/P and lateral angles of the shell should be marked.

At the final fitting make sure the child's feet are supported, the wheelchair tray fits in place and straps are adjusted. Parents should be taught how to correctly place the child in and out of the seat mould.

Seat moulds are particularly suitable for use in a wheelchair but the D.H.S.S. stability test must be carried out before issue to the child to ensure safety of the seat and wheelchair combination. This procedure is outlined in the Surgical Appliance Technical Bulletin TB/SA/6. The child should be looked at regularly to make sure he is properly positioned in the seat and bony areas should be routinely checked for pressure sores. It is advisable to change the child to another position at 3 - 4 hour intervals. It is important to remember to review the fit of the seat support at regular intervals.

RECOMMENDED READING

1. Moulded Supportive Seating for the Disabled.
N.D.Ring, R.L.Nelham and F.A.Pearson
Prosthetics and Orthotics International 1978, p. 30 - 34
2. Spinal deformities. R. Roaf
1977 Pittman Medical Publishing Co.Ltd.
3. Seating systems for the Disabled
The Biological Engineering Soc. 1979
4. Role of the wheelchair in the management of the muscular dystrophy patient
Gibson, Albisser, Koreska
CMA Journal Nov. 22, 1975, Vol. 114, p. 964-966

D.H.S.S. Advice on Derby Moulded Seat

For further information on procedure the DHSS have now issued supply advice for Consultants who prescribe surgical appliances, for appliance officers and for any other person responsible for ordering seat moulds. If you have not seen these documents contact your appliance officer or write directly to:-

DHSS
Government Buildings,
Scientific and Technical Branch (Appliances)
Warbreck Hill Road,
Blackpool FY2 0UZ
Tel. 0253 - 52311. Ext. 441

OR

Scottish Home and Health Department
St. Andrew's House
Edinburgh. EH1 3DE
Tel. 031 - 556 - 8501. Ext.2452

- Ask for:- 1. DHSS Ref. WHG 4047/3 The Derby Moulded Seat 24.8.81
 2. The Derby Seat Clinicians Notes. S.T.B. Specification
 TSS/SA/130028 May 1981

Approved suppliers of the Derby seat are:-

Orthotics and Disability Research Unit, Derbyshire Royal Infirmary
 London Road, Derby. DE1 2QY

Ellis, Son & Paramore Ltd., 355 Glossop Road, Sheffield. S10 2HY

R. Taylor & Son (Orthopaedic) Ltd., Compton Works, Woodwards Road
 Pleck. Walsall. WS2 9RN

The Derby seat is a close fitting plastic shell with a soft lining. It has straps for the patient according to need and is also attached by another strap to the wheelchair. A light tubular metal frame provides a stable base so it could also be used as a floor seat if required.

Other Seats

There are several other excellent types of moulded seat available from various firms, and information about centres with specialist knowledge can be obtained from the DHSS address above. Whatever type of seat is used, it is important that a therapist with a close knowledge of the child's postural needs is always involved in the casting process.

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A.P.C.P. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CSP CONGRESS 1981

We were delighted to be able to have an afternoon session in the main lecture hall which attracted eighty people. Miss A.M.D. Grimley, MCSP, Superintendent Physiotherapist, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, opened the session with a broad look at the changes in hospital based children's services over the last 50 years. Our horizons have widened and the emphasis has shifted towards the preventive approach to health care with the early identification of developmental delay and handicap, for example we now work in many community venues and increasingly play our part in multidisciplinary teams.

Mrs. M. Whyte, Superintendent Community Physiotherapist, Paediatrics, gave a thought provoking talk on 'Ethnic minorities - Right or Wrong'. In the course of her work in the Borough of Tower Hamlets, she has had opportunity to reflect on the different childrearing patterns of the many ethnic groups represented. When searching the literature on this topic it was apparent that the middle class caucasian view was put forward as the desirable norm. Mrs. Whyte suggested that this attitude should change in favour of a climate of mutual learning between parents and professionals.

Miss M.E. Carrington, Superintendent Physiotherapist, York District General Hospital, spoke on 'Assessment of the Child - Purpose and General Principles'. In the past, assessment has often been the filling in of charts almost for their own sake, the items being of questionable significance and being unrelated to functional living. The parental contribution towards the assessment process is crucial if we are to put into realistic context, what the child offers spontaneously in a play/observation session. Are the responses average for the child (i.e. they can be frequently replicated) or have you witnessed something which is new and surprising for the parents? Only they can tell you. Realistic goals must be set for the family as a whole and a discussion on what they expect from the therapist is important and often most revealing.

There was a lively interest shown in the A.P.C.P. Publications available and £35. was taken. A.P.C.P. values the opportunity to take part in Congress greatly, particularly as competition for space and time is keener than ever, and extends grateful thanks to the conference organisers.

M.E. Carrington.

A.P.C.P. NEWSNotes from the Hon. Secretary.

1. A number of National Executive Committee members will be retiring at the 1982 A.G.M. This will leave vacancies. Nominations are invited from A.P.C.P. members which must be submitted to the Hon. Sec. Miss C. Mason

IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN 4 WEEKS before the A.G.M. - APRIL 4th 1982

Please give the following details:-

- a) Name of Nominee
- b) Position held
- c) Name of Proposer and Seconder
- d) Agreement and signature of nominee. This MUST be obtained.
- e) Details of career in paediatrics and any special attributes which indicate suitability.

2. Honorary Members.

Honorary membership is offered to those who have made an outstanding contribution to Paediatrics or to the work of the Association.

- a) Name of nominee
- b) Details of particular contribution
- c) Proposer and seconder

Any nominations will be considered for invitation by the National Executive Committee. Please submit to the Hon. Sec. before 1st January 1981

Finance

Whilst members will be pleased to hear of the profit made at the Hatfield Conference, it is worth remembering that expenditure is increasing. In the six months from April to September expenses amounted to £1,096.82

Newsletters	£326.53	
Kalamazoo system	£ 50.27	
Committee Expenses	£488.22	(Travel to meetings, post, Telephone)

These are just some of the items that eat up our resources. Members could help by sending a s.a.e. for correspondence; by publicising A.P.C.P. Publications amongst related professions (we are ALL P.R.O's); by continuing to support Reg. Reps. Please send them ideas for courses you need.

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BOOKS.

Hyperactivity: the myth of the hyperactive child. P Schrag & D. Divoky. Penguin. £2.95. A look at the American scene where drug therapy is increasing alarmingly, in the authors' view.

"Music Activities for retarded children". D.R. Gingelard & others. London SPCK. £4.95

"Helping the Retarded". also "Basic Behavioural Principles". E.A. Perkins, A.C.M. Capie and others. BIMH. £3.95. and £4.50 respectively. British Institute of Mental Handicap

"Just Me" - a song book for children. Songs J. Turnbull.

24 songs for pre-school, nursery and handicapped children. Compiled in consultation with an Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist, to promote body awareness and perceptual skills. The music is for piano and guitar. Pitman Medical. £5.00

Also available in cassette form featuring children from a school for the partially sighted in London. From Kings Fund Publishing Office, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF £2.20. post free. Cheques to Mrs. I. Reeves at King's Fund Publishing Office. Tel. 01-267-6111

- "The other side of Paediatrics" June Jolly. Macmillan 1981 £4.95
Aimed at nurses this book emphasises the care of the whole child and has much to say to all workers in the paediatric field.
- "Disabled Eve : Aids in Menstruation!" Funded by the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Published by the Disabled Living Foundation. £3.50 inc. p. & p. from DLF (Sales) Ltd., Book House, 45 East Hill, Wandsworth, London, SW18 2QZ
- "My World" . Audrey Curtis, Sheelagh Hill. N.F.E.R. £3.25
A handbook of ideas for activities for socially deprived children in particular.
- "Games Babies Play". Julie Hagstrom, Joan Morrill. 1980. Elm Tree Books Ltd. £3.25. A handbook of games for parents to play with infants. Useful for the mentally handicapped.

ARTICLES

- Health Visitor Volume 54.8 Aug. 1981. Several articles on the care of the bereaved and sudden infant death syndrome.
The Current Situation and the role of the Health Visitor Today. J.L.Emery
Psychological Consequences of Bereavement by Sudden Infant Death p.318-320
Syndrome. S. Lewis. p. 322 - 4
The Dying Child & Professional Withdrawal. A Fillmore. p. 328 - 329
A Terminal Care and Bereavement Counselling Service. B. Wilshaw & M.Aplin
p. 333 - 336
- Music Therapy with Maladjusted Children. S. Salmon. B.A. PGCE
British Journal of Music Therapy. Vol. 12. No. 3 p. 4 - 11
- Towards More Efficient Physiotherapy. B.A.Webber. MCSP
Cystic Fibrosis News. Vol. 16. No. 2 Summer 1981 p. 8 - 11
- Effects of Behavioural Modification on the Standing and Walking Deficiencies of a Profoundly Retarded Child. S.B. Hester. Physical Therapy 1981, 61
6, p 909 - 911
- The Effects of a Home Visitor Parental Compliance with a Home Programme.
N.E. Mayo. Physical Therapy 1981. 61, 1, p. 27 - 32
- Effects of Children's Disabilities on Parental Time Use. J.A.Lucca &
B.H.Settles. Physical Therapy 1981. 61, 1, 196-201
- Dance Therapy: Effects on Motor Performance of Children with Learning
Difficulties. J.L. Couper. Physical Therapy 1981. 61, 1, 23 - 26
- Generalisation and Maintenance of Therapeutic Effects in the Treatment of
Congenital Torticollis with Biofeedback: A single case study.
Physiotherapy Canada 1981. 33, 2, 96
- Results of Early Intervention in the Baby with Cerebral Motor Disturbance
S.H. Irwin - Carruthers. South African Journal of Physiotherapy 1981
37, 2, 34 - 37
- Sensory and Motor Development of Pre-term Infants. W. Burns & M.I. Bullock
Australian Journal of Physiotherapy. 1980. 26, 6, 229 - 243
- The 'At Risk' Infant. C.D.Molteno. South African Journal of Physiotherapy
1981. 37, 2, 33 - 34
- A Model for the Physical Therapist in the Intensive Care Nursery.
J.M.Dickson. Physical Therapy 1981. 61, 1, 45 - 48

3. Basic Cross Motor Assessment. Tool for Use with Children having minor motor dysfunction. J.E.Hughes & A. Riley.
Physical Therapy 1981 61, 4, 503 - 511
4. Object Permanence Development in Infants with motor handicaps. L. Fetters
Physical Therapy. 1981 61, 3, 327-333

PUBLICATIONS

1. New Journal.
Physical and Occupational Therapy in Paediatrics - Journal of Developmental Therapy.
A new American quarterly journal published by the Haworth Press, New York under the editorship of Suzann K. Campbell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of the Department of Medical Allied Health Professions (University of North Carolina). It is primarily geared to provide practicing therapists with information on clinical practice and includes book reviews, an annotated bibliography and a clinical concern section with reports, reviews of developmental tests and tips for practice.
Subscription rates: 28 dollars individual, 65 dollars libraries, 45 dollars for other institutions. Add 10 dollars for p. & p. 5 dollar discount for prepayment. Editorial Offices, 149, Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010 (212) 228-2800
2. Spastics Society
 - a) New Parents leaflets. No .7 "But OUR child has a very severe physical and mental handicap". This leaflet is aimed at parents of multiply handicapped individuals, children or teenagers and touches on important questions such as "Can we ever leave him? Yes of course you can and MUST". Other cases are discussed.
 - b) No. 8 "The Daily Round". Practical day to day suggestions for making life easier.
 - c) The Hand as a Guide to Learning". Ester Cotton. £1.
Illustrated booklet underlining the importance of training hand skills in the cerebral palsied child, not only for daily living activities, but as a means of fixing the body.

All the above from the Librarian, The Spastics Society, 12 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4EQ
3. The Handicapped Person in Church - a guide
Leaflet from SWCCBC (The Social Welfare Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference)., 1 Stert Street, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 3JF
4. Mental Handicap: the first twelve months.
Project report from Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped (APMH). Price £1.25 inc. p. & p. Covers - Breaking the news, registers, need for a coordination of services, parent support groups etc.
From: APMH, 126 Albert Street, London, NW1 7NF. Tel. 01-267-6111
5. Help for Health.
An experimental information service providing information on 2000 voluntary organisations in support of health care, series of handbooks, leaflets and audiovisual material. Help for others wishing to set up an information service to help patients cope with their condition.
For details of publications contact Mr. R. Tabor, Regional Librarian, Wessex Regional Library and Information Service, South Academic Block, Southampton General Hospital, Hants, SO9 4XY. Tel. Southampton 777222. Ext. 3750
The latest publication from Help for Health is REFLECTIONS. Annotated subject guide to works of fiction, biography and autobiography on illness and related topics for medical staff and patients, and their families. Many books listed are written especially for children. Ed. R. Tabor £1.50 + 32p.postag

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6. The Handling of the Cerebral Palsied Child and Seating the Cerebral Palsied Child. Rosemary York-Moore, MCSP. Available from British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster. Worcs.
 7. A Practical Guide for the Mentally Handicapped.
Basic information pack for families and professionals which can be seen in main libraries or can be obtained from Mrs. S. Perks, Mental Handicap Information Service, L.C.V.S. 32 de Montfort Street, Leicester.
Tel. Leics 555600. Price of pack £4.00 + £1. p. & p.
 8. Mentally Handicapped people and the Police
A leaflet outlining the misunderstandings which can easily arise and suggestions on how to avoid them. From MENCAP, National Centre, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1 ORT. Tel. 01-243-9433
 9. RNIB Information Sheets.
For workers involved with the education of the multiply handicapped child with visual problems. (This is a most useful publication full of practical information - Editor.) Send SAE 7" x 10" to Ann Woodhead, Education Dept. Royal National Institute for the Blind, 24 Great Portland Street, London W1.
 10. The Association for Research into Restricted Growth.
Two booklets - 'Coping with Restricted Growth' for patients, families and professionals.
'The Layman's Guide to Restricted Growth'.
From: Mrs. V. Sims, Hon Sec. ARRG, 5 Teak Walk, Witham, Essex, CM8 2SX
 11. Line '81. Factsheets
The information referral service for IYDP. Leaflets available on a variety of topics including sport and recreation, holidays, help for parents of mentally handicapped children.
Contact: Line '81, 252 Western Avenue, London W3 6XJ. Please send SAE
 12. Self Help with Spina Bifida.)
Keeping Fit 1981)
Two delightfully illustrated booklets for the teenager with spina bifida, published by the Lanarkshire branch of the Scottish Spina Bifida Association, and available from them at this address - 49 Airbles Road, Motherwell ML1 2TJ

FILMS AND SLIDES

1. "A Breath of Fresh Air".
New documentary film from Fisons showing how various celebrities manage to live active and successful lives with the correct therapy. The film, available free from December, features Donald Sinden, Rodney Bewes and Alan Pascoe amongst others.
Fisons Ltd., Pharmaceutical Division, Derby Road, Loughborough.
2. Through the Eyes of a Child.
16mm colour film, 20 minutes duration. Made by Brenda Crowe.
A young child goes shopping with his mother. The film shows the world and the experience from the child's viewpoint which we share - from pushchair level.
Contact: The Film Library, CTVC, Foundation House, Walton Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts. WD2 2JF. Tel. Watford 35444/9. Hire charge £7.00: Video cassette £4.50 + securicor charges extra.
3. Slides for Developmental Screening. M.I. Griffiths
In two parts (The First Year and The Second Year) they cover motor development, social development, hearing, speech, eye and hand dexterity.
From: Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London.

EQUIPMENT

1. The Salford Percussor.
The chest percussor from Carters A. & J. Ltd., is no longer liable for VAT. Until recently the government regarded it as a jig-saw because the motor is a standard Black & Decker unit, minus the actual jigsaw which is replaced by the specialised percussor pad. The price is now £122.50 including carriage.
2. Teledyne Pik Electric Toothbrush
A special offer for IYDP brings the price down to £18.11 inc. VAT & p. & p. UNTIL Dec. 31st.
3. The Cheyne Nursery Walker
Noreen Hare from Cheyne Walk kindly demonstrated this most attractive and interesting new walker at the CSP Congress in London, which was designed in conjunction with Pryor & Howard Ltd. The walker which is available in blue, red, yellow and green, allows the child to grasp at arms reach whilst leaning slightly forward on to a chest pad. Motivation to walk, the ability to step and some anti-gravity leg activity is necessary. It is intended for physically handicapped small children and is adjustable in every dimension except width. Contact. Pryor & Howard Ltd., Willow Lane, Mitcham, Surrey. CR4 4US. Tel. 01-648-1177
4. Portable Ramp for Handicapped Bathers
Featured in the October issue of The Swimming Teacher is an interesting device for lowering handicapped swimmers into the water in a public pool where there is obviously no hoist. It consists of a metal ramp, which rests on the pool side, and a chair which slides down the ramp on castors and is winched up again. Swimming teachers in Bristol consulted the Rehabilitation Engineering Movement Advisory Panel for advice on design.
Further information from:- Mr. D. Brailsford, PSTA, 1 Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands. Tel. 012-553-5828/9.
5. Playstage with Mirror.
Designed for handicapped children with poor manipulative skills, this wooden theatre has a mirror behind it to reflect the scene the child is creating with the puppets on the stage. The figures are mounted on rods for easy manipulation and come complete with costume kit. The playstage will be available soon from The Newbottle Craft Youth Workshop, Philadelphia Miners Welfare Hall, Herrington Burn, Houghton le Spring, Tyne and Wear. DH4 4GL. Tel. 0385-853610
6. Leybourne Toys
Large two handled mirror, two handled colour frames similar to the mirror, to look through, hanging butterfly for a lying child to pull, playbed in foam for positioning in prone lying.
From Somco Ltd., 505 London Road, Croydon, CR4 4AR
7. Touch Response Board
Five touch switches give different visual and auditory responses.
From: J.P. Driver, 53 Linton Road, Loose, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 0AH

BOOK REVIEW

"The Good Toy Guide 1982" Compiled by the Toy Libraries Association and published with Inter-Action Inprint. Available from bookshops or from TLA, Seabrook House, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6. 2HL. £3.50. The Good Toy Guide is the successor to the ABC of Toys and gives a wealth of information on purpose, price, make and dimensions of hundreds of toys based on the test results of the Toy Libraries Advisory Panel. The book is divided into sections - activity, fascination, expression, communication etc. and is prefaced with a general age guide for toys suitable for each developmental level. Special toys for handicapped children are listed. The manufacturers are alphabetically listed in the back of the book. Apart from its use as a reference book for play groups, paediatric physiotherapy departments and schools, members may find it of help in deciding what to buy younger members of the family for Christmas.

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A.P.C.P. REGIONAL REPORTS

SCOTLAND. Reg. Rep. Miss M. Booth, MCSP, 210 Union Grove, Aberdeen, AB1 6SS

A very successful study day was held in Glasgow in September on Conductive Education. Fifty people of several disciplines gathered to hear Ester Cotton. Membership now stands at 45 and there are 5 members on the regional committee who met in October to discuss the forthcoming programme of study days and courses.

NORTH WEST - Reg. Rep. Mrs. P. Eckersley, MCSP, 62 Goulden Road, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 9YF

The study day at Whiston on "Hands & Feet", 12th Sept. '81 unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of support. We can only run study days which fulfill the needs of our membership if we know what those needs are. Please let the Reg. Rep. have your suggestions for future study days.

Sat. 14th Nov. '81. Prestwich Regional Conference Centre, in conjunction with Regional Education & Training Officer.
"Sense & Sensitivity". Vision, Touch, Taste/Speech, Hearing, Physiology of Sense Receptors. Contact Reg. Rep.

NORTH EAST. Reg. Rep. Mrs. M. Soper, MCSP, 29 Garth Terrace, Clifton, York

A day course on the subject of Brittle Bones and Bone Abnormalities and Restricted Growth was held on Oct 10th at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. This was attended by 50 people.

Tues. 1st Dec. '81. St. James' University Hospital, Beckett Street, Leeds 9.
"The Role of the Educational Psychologist in the Placement of the Handicapped Child". Informal discussion afterwards.
Mr. T. Gaussen, Educational Psychologist, Leeds Regional Child Development Centre. 7.30 p.m. for 8.0 p.m. 80p Members. £1.00 non-members.
Cost includes mince pies and a glass of wine.

WALES. Reg. Rep. Mrs. W. Williams, MCSP, 12 Gelligaer Gardens, Cathays, Cardiff.

On Oct. 20th at Ely Hospital there were two talks arranged by Kate Shutt. Dr. P. Min Chin spoke on "The Causes of Mental Handicap" and Mrs. M. Milward on "Music and Educational Rhythmics".

Nov. 25th '81. Llandough Hospital.
"Physiotherapy and the Sick Child". Mrs. M. Rees.
Contact Reg. Rep. for details.

MIDLANDS & TRENT. Reg. Rep. Miss R. Dawson, MCSP, 19 Main Street, East Bridgford, Nottingham. N13 8PA

SOUTH EAST. Reg. Rep. Miss P. Charon MCSP, Physiotherapy Department, Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton, Sussex
The study day that was to have been held on 11th Oct had to be cancelled due to lack of applicants.

Feb. 13th '82. Visual Handicap . a.m. The Young Child
p.m. The Older Child.
Valence School, Nr. Westerham, Kent. Contact Reg. Rep. for details

Topics for 1982 which are being planned will be - The Assessment Unit, Perception, Hydrotherapy, Portage and Audiology, and Orthoptics.

SOUTH WEST Reg. Rep. Miss T. James, MCSP, 23a High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UW

The course on Halliwick Swimming at St. Blazey, Cornwall on 27th Sept. had to be cancelled due to closure of the pool which was to have been used. A new date will be announced.

Nov. 21st '81. There will be a day course on "The Special Care Child" in Exeter. Organiser Ruth Skinner. Future plans:- Bristol - Children's Hips. Dorchester - Review of the brain with relevance to treatment. The Regional A.G.M. will also be held at this meeting.

EAST ANGLIA Reg. Rep. Mrs. P.A.White, MCSP, 24 Maltings Drive, Wheathampstead, Herts.

A.P.C.P. extends a warm welcome to the new Regional Rep. for East Anglia who has volunteered to take over from Mrs. Margaret Norris. ALL members owe her their grateful thanks for the work she has done, in conjunction with her committee, in organising the Hatfield Conference. The balance of income over expenditure finally stands at £3,904. 84p. A.P.C.P. needs this money. (See Newsletter 20 p. 8 and p.4 of this issue). The profit was unexpectedly increased due to the large numbers of delegates attending - a fact which is impossible to assess in advance.

LONDON. Reg. Rep. Miss G. Riley, MCSP, Physiotherapy Dept. Belgrave Hospital, 1 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

Nov. 21st '81. "Chest Care and the Child".
Lecture Theatre, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.
Registration 9.30 a.m. Bookings to Mrs. J. Maughan, 16 Lee Road, Greenford, Middx. Members £5. Non-members £6. Students. £1.

COURSES DIARY

OPEN UNIVERSITY

January to March '82 "Governing Schools"
(also Oct. to Dec.) The Open University, A.S.C.O. P.O.Box 76,
Milton Keynes MK7 6AN. Fee £16.

Home based study programme 2/3 hours per week.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS

7th Dec. '81 "The Myoelectric Arm". 7 - 9 p.m.
Anatomy Lecture Theatre, The London Hospital,
Whitechapel E. 1

11th Jan. '82 Foot Pressure Problems and Benefits of Gait Analysis.
7 - 9 p.m. Venue as above.

1st Feb. '82 Prevention of Hand Deformities & Maintenance of Function.
Venue as above.

BRITISH PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION

20 - 24th April '82 Aviemore, Scotland
Scottish members may like to take advantage of the
excellent bookstall which is a feature of BPA meetings.

REFLEX ZONE THERAPY

Anyone interested in this subject could contact
Mrs. Ann Lett, 151 Lichfield Grove, Finchley, London N3
who organises courses at the Royal National Hospital for
Nervous Diseases, Queen's Square, London.

KING'S FUND CENTRE

3rd Dec. '81 The Use of Registers in Mental Handicap Services.
Further details from A.P.M.H. 126 Albert Street, London
NW1 7NF Tel. 01-267-6111

COURSES DIARY cont.MULTI-PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

A postgraduate diploma in severe handicap (C.N.A.A.) is to be offered at Crewe and Alsager College of Higher Education for a range of experienced professionals and is an advanced course of professional and academic study which aims to enhance curriculum planning for the very severely handicapped. Normal admission requirements for the course include a teaching qualification, B. Ed. degree etc., however exceptional admission requirements for a strictly limited number of students can include a range of workers in the field with suitable experience and qualifications which are "broadly equivalent". Physiotherapists are invited to apply if they have such experience.

Course length 5 x 150 hours - one year.

(Block 3 is entitled "The Programmes of the Practitioners - Peto, Bobath, Kephart")
Further information from The Academic Office (Admissions), Crewe & Alsager College of Higher Education, Crewe Road, Crewe, Cheshire.

CASTLE PRIORY COLLEGE

- 11-13th Dec. '81 Dance Drama Dynamics for the Disabled. 17/88
Tuition £32. Residence £30
- 2 - 6th Jan '82 Paget Gorman Sign System. 17/92
Introductory Course.
Tuition £50. Residence £60
- 6 - 8th Jan '82 Methods of Evaluating Services. 17/95
A review of systems of evaluation currently available in Britain and discussion of their usefulness.
Tuition £32. Residence £30
- 1 - 3rd Feb '82 Perceptual Problems in Cerebral Palsied & Spina Bifida Children
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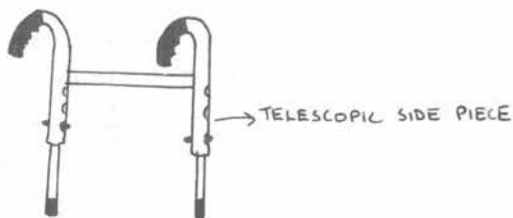
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AIDS IDEAS - North East

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Mrs. S. Hill, MCSP, Leeds Regional Child Development Centre, suggests that joined walking sticks which may be made up by appliance firms, are useful when a child has insufficient balance or width of stride to use them reciprocally and where a rollator is not helpful as it increases shoulder and elbow flexion. Both sides are put forward and used as a two legged Zimmer. Elbows are kept straight.

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