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BABY TEETH MARKINGS GIVE CLUE TO BRAIN GROWTH

Markings on the deciduous teeth of babies have furnished unique evidence of the importance of early nutrition to an infant's brain development, according to a report at the International Symposium on Infant and early Childhood Feeding.

Dr. John Dobbing, of the University of Manchester, England, studied deciduous or "milk" teeth because they are formed at the same time the brain has its early infancy growth spurt and the neonatal lines on them are an index of the child's nourishment during this crucial period.

Dr. Dobbing found that, based on neonatal lines, those children who are slow in motor coordination tend to have had poorer nutrition in the brain spurt period than those who have normal coordination. And poor motor co-ordination, he reasoned, is often a consequence of poor brain development during the spurt period.

DOCTOR DONATES RS. 1 MILLION FOR PAEDIATRICS WING

A renowned doctor of Lahore has donated one million rupees for the completion of Mayo Hospital Paediatrics Wing.

Announcing this at the inauguration of the symposium on "Medical Education" at the KEMC, here last week, the Punjab Governor Lt. Gen. Sawar Khan, said that in deference to his modesty and spirit of sacrifice, he would not name the donor. But, he added, he would like to convey the gratitude of the entire nation to him, and to others like him.

The Governor said that there were many examples amongst our doctors of dedicated God-fearing souls, who are particular about "rizq-i-halal". They provide services to poor patients without charges, and sometimes also donate funds for their wards. The nation would always be proud of such persons, he added.

PAEDIATRIC SURGICAL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

The First National Conference of Paediatric Surgeons was inaugurated by Prof. S.M.K. Wasti, former President of PMA (Centre) and PPA at the PMA House, Karachi. The meeting was jointly sponsored by College of Family Medicine and Association of Paediatric Surgeons

News and Notes

ALL PAKISTAN PSYCHIATRIC CONFERENCE

Pakistan Psychiatric Society is holding Third Psychiatric Conference in April, 1979 at Peshawar on "Psychiatry in General Practice". The Conference is being organised with the collaboration of P.M.A. NWFP and College of Family Medicine, Peshawar. A large number of doctors from all over the country and abroad will attend the conference. In addition to Psychiatry, scientific papers on Surgery, Medicine and other fields of medical profession will be read in the conference. Doctors desirous to read papers should send their names to the Chairman, Scientific Committee, Dr. Siraj-ud-Din Ahmad, Peshawar. For Registration and other

of Pakistan. The Scientific programme was divided into three sessions spread over the whole day. In the morning session papers on Paediatric surgical problems in general practice were read by members of College of Family Medicine. It was followed by a paper on Infant Nutrition by Dr. D. S. Akram of JPMC. Prof. Nizam Ul Hasan read a paper on the importance of nutrition in surgical patients.

The afternoon session was devoted to the role of General Surgeons in the Care of Paediatric Surgical Problems in Pakistan. Prof. Samie Ashraf, Raja Asghar, participated in the proceedings. There was a general consensus on the issue of shortage of Paediatric Surgeons in the country. The participants suggested short and long term measures for meeting the shortage of paediatricians and equipment for Paediatric Surgery at Teaching and District hospitals and also provision of training facilities for anaesthetists and nurses were discussed. The short term measures suggested at the meeting include training of surgeons in the teaching hospitals.

Long term measures suggested by paediatricians included establishment of Department of Paediatric Surgery in all teaching hospitals and an inclusion of Paediatric Surgery in the curriculum of the under-graduate students.

Financing of health service. Report of a WHO Study Group' *World Health Organization Technical Report Series*, 1978, No. 625 (ISBN 92 4 120625 x). 117 pages. Price. Sw.fr. 11.—. French and Spanish editions in preparation.

Many countries are planning to reorient their health services so that they contribute more effectively to economic and social development as a whole. In the developing countries, this means improving services for the poor, especially in rural areas and in slums on the urban fringes. However, the rate at which these improvements are made is severely limited by the shortage of funds. By re-examining all sources of finance for all health-related activities, it should be possible to find ways of speeding up progress.

Unfortunately, information is rarely available about total expenditure on health-related activities—spending by organs of government other than the ministry of health, by social security agencies, and by charitable bodies, and particularly expenditure in the private sector, including that on traditional health care. Only when all sources of finance are brought together, and an analysis is made of what precise services are financed by what funds in particular geographical areas, is it possible to consider what changes can be made in order to move towards the new objectives.

What is therefore needed is to develop a methodology for classifying this information and low-cost methods of collecting it. Such information should help in examining how far it is possible to develop new sources of finance, to redeploy funds already devoted to health purposes, or to release resources by more efficient methods of operation for use in areas of high priority.

In November 1977, WHO convened a study group on financing of health services, with participants from all WHO regions, to tackle this problem. The group was asked to examine techniques for obtaining and analysing information related to all sources of finance in the health sector and for identifying all sources of health expenditure. It also considered the question, once sufficiently accurate data are available, how best to use the results of financial surveys for improved planning.

Part of the group's work was to examine a number of case studies based on financing surveys carried out in developing countries.

In its report, the group was able to draw important conclusions and make a number of recommendations to countries, research centres, and WHO. One welcome finding was that it is possible to collect and analyse information on financing and expenditure, of sufficient reliability and at modest cost, even for the private sector. Annexes summarizing surveys conducted in Bangladesh, Botswana, the Republic of Korea and Senegal form a substantial part of the report. Further annexes deal with the methodology of a study of health sector financing in Latin America and the role of social security financing in the provision of medical care.

This report, aimed at policy-makers, planners administrators and health professional interested in ensuring that scarce resources for health are used effectively and equitably, tackles an important subject that is seldom given the emphasis it deserves.

PAKISTAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PESHAWAR BRANCH

The Election Meeting of Pakistan Medical Association, Peshawar Branch was held on Friday, the 5th January, 1979 at 10 a.m. in the Government L.R.H. Peshawar. Dr. Haji Muhammad Yunus Convenor for the Election convened the meeting. Following doctors were elected as office bearers and Executive Committee Members.

Dr. Shams-ur-Rehman, President
Dr. Murad Ali (1) Vice President
Dr. Ali Akbar (2) Vice President
Dr. Riaz Ahmad General, Secretary.

Dr. Muhammad Aslam, Joint Secretary.
 Dr. Anwar Masih Ujagar, Finance Secretary.
 Dr. Tahir Hassan, Clinical Secretary.
 Dr. Sher Ahmad Sethi, Public Relations Secretary.

Executive Members

Dr. Siraj Ali
 Dr. Muhammad Humayun
 Dr. Muhammad Ismail
 Dr. Muhammad Nisar
 Dr. Muhammad Kabir
 Dr. Khalid Attaullah Mufti
 Dr. Abdul Haseeb
 Dr. Muhammad Ali Khan
 Dr. Khan Haider
 Dr. Muhammad Rafiq Khan
 Dr. Rahim Gul
 Dr. M.A. Rehman
 Dr. Riaz Ahmed
 Dr. Muhammad Aman Khan
 Dr. Khan Muhammad Bangash.

PMA, KARACHI BRANCH—ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Pakistan Medical Association Karachi Branch went to polls on 25th December 1978. Polling started at 10 a.m. and continued till 5 p.m. Hectic activity was seen in PMA House and more than 80% votes were cast. The contest was between the panel of Dr. Badar Siddiqui and Dr. Jalisi. The supporters of both groups seemed to be very enthusiastic. There was a large turn over of members, particularly young doctors.

It appeared to be a very closely contested fight but the result showed a land-slide victory for Dr. Badar Siddiqui's panel. Dr. Badar Siddiqui who contested for the office of the President got 470 votes while his opponent Dr. Jalisi polled 202 votes. The Vice President Dr. Aziz Khan Tank got the highest number of votes. He polled 489 while his opponent Dr. Taqi got 185. The General Secretary Dr. Tipu Sultan, a representative of young doctors took a lead of 280 votes over Dr. Ehsanul Haq Chowdhry. Dr. Tipu polled 477 votes.

The results are:—

Joint Secretary:	
Dr. Zakaullah Beg	488
Dr. Shaukat Malik	179
Treasurer:	
Dr. Hafiz Qureshi	477
Dr. Shamim Azam	194
Librarian:	
Dr. Zeenat Issani	481
Dr. Majid Laghari	184
Editor (Eng. Journal):	
Dr. Tahir Hussain	468
Dr. Aaur Rehman	194
Editor (Urdu Journal):	
Dr. Capt. Shahid Siddiqui	459
Dr. Maimoona Khan	213

A large number of doctors were present when returning officer Prof. Khawaja Muin Ahmad announced the results. Addressing the gathering Dr. Badar Siddiqui, Dr. Aziz Khan Tank and Dr. Tipu Sultan stressed the need of unity, particularly at a time when attempt is being made to equate the scientific system of medicine with so-called 'other system'. They also congratulated the young doctors for active interest and smooth transition of leadership of P.M.A. to the young colleagues.

PAKISTAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, RAWALPINDI-ISLAMABAD BRANCH.

The Annual General Elections of the Rawalpindi-Islamabad Branch of Pakistan Medical Association were held on 21st December 1978 and the following have been elected for the year 1979.

1. President
Dr. Tariq M. Awan
2. Vice President
Dr. Rana Riaz Ahmad
3. General Secretary
Dr. Mohammad Afzal Ezaz
4. Joint Secretary
Dr. Itikhar A. Sheikh
5. Financial Secretary
Dr. Nuruddin
6. Clinical Secretary
Dr. Mohammad Iqbal
7. Chairman PMA House Committee
Dr. M. Saeed Ahmad
8. Chairman PMA Khan Mohd Khan Charitable Drug Bank
Dr. Col. Faqur Mohd Khan
9. Central Councillors
 1. Dr. A.H. Akhtar
 2. Dr. Mohammad Afzal Ezaz
 3. Dr. Khalid M. Awan
 4. Dr. M. Aslam Piracha
10. Provincial Councillors
 1. Dr. Khalid Mahmood
 2. Dr. Mohammad Ali Khan
 3. Dr. Maj. M. Fazlur Rehman
 4. Dr. Tariq M. Awan
11. Editor-in-Chief PMJ
Dr. K A K. Akhtar
12. Managing Secretary P.M.J.
Dr. Kh. A. Abbas
13. Chairman PMA Late Dr. Matin Siddiqui Benevolent Fund Board.
Dr. M.M. Raza
14. Executive Committee.
 1. Dr. M. Zaman
 2. Dr. Rana Riaz Ahmad
 3. Dr. Faiz Akhtar Khan
 4. Dr. M. Tariq
 5. Dr. Itikhar J. Khwaja
 6. Dr. M. Aslam Piracha
 7. Dr. Din. Ara Qadri
 8. Dr. S. Sajjad Ahmad
 9. Dr. M. Afzal Minhas