

WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

MINUTES of the Research Sub-Committee held at
Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire on
Thursday 8th February, 1973

1/73 Attendance

There were present :-

Professor J. B. Howell (Chairman)

Professor J. S. Ellis
Mr. M. R. Fell
Professor J. L. Gibbons

Mr. F. M. Hanna
Professor A. Polak
Group Captain F.A. Willan

Apologies for absence were received from :-

Professor M. R. Alderson, Mr. A. G. Asquith-Lesson,
Dr. C. J. M. Clark, Dr. R. G. Moore and Dr. A. G.
Rickards.

The Chairman extended a welcome to Dr. H. Badman,
the Board's Regional Administrative Scientific Officer, who
attended the meeting.

2/73 Minutes

It was RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting held
on 2nd November 1972 be adopted.

3/73 Matters arising from the Minutes

Standard Application Form for Research
Grants and Encouragement of Clinical Research

Members were shown the standard application
form which would shortly be distributed to
Group Secretaries, Chairmen of Group Medical
Executive Committees and Clinical Tutors,
who would be asked to bring the form to the
attention of those wishing to undertake
research.

A letter would accompany the application
form, giving information about the sources
of support available to researchers in
the Region. (Mins. 89/72 and 90/72 refer).

4/73 Exchequer Research Allocation for 1973/74

The Committee noted that the Board's allocation
for clinical research for 1973/74 was £38,000. Of this,
the amount available for new projects was £26,000, the
balance of £12,000 being required to meet existing
commitments for continuing projects in 1973/74.

11/73 Clinical trial of a Non-Barbiturate Hypnotic, RO5 6901 (Roche) - Dr. J. Brunning, Consultant Psychiatrist, St. James' Hospital, Portsmouth

At the request of the Committee, additional information had been obtained from Dr. Brunning about this proposed trial. The further details submitted by Dr. Brunning had been considered by the Chairman and the Board's Adviser in Clinical Research who had agreed the Board be recommended to raise no objection to this trial being carried out.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND

that the action of the Chairman be endorsed.

12/73 Research Equipment

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND

- (a) that a register of equipment purchased from the Board's research funds since 1967 be compiled so that apparatus no longer being used for research projects supported by the Board can be made available for allocation to new projects;
- (b) that, with the exception of major items, research equipment purchased from the Board's research funds prior to 1967 be formally handed over to the Hospital Management Committee in whose hospital(s) the original research project took place.

13/73 Haemophilia Centre at Alton

The Committee was informed that the first annual report of the work of the Haemophilia Centre at the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton, had been produced and copies sent to the Department of Health. Included in the report was a contribution by Dr. R. G. Rainsford, the Research Fellow, and copies of the report were available on request.

14/73 Prophylactic trial in Haemophilia - Dr. P. G. Arblaster, Consultant Physician and Dr. A. Aronstam, Consultant Pathologist, North Hampshire Group.

The Committee received details of a proposed trial to be carried out at the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton, under the direction and control of Drs. Arblaster and Aronstam, to establish whether or not the use of Factor VIII material would reduce the incidence of bleeding in haemophiliacs.

14/73 Prophylactic trial in Haemophilia - Dr. P. G. Arblaster.
Consultant Physician and Dr. A. Aronstam, Consultant
Pathologist, North Hampshire Group (continued)

Following discussions with the Chairman, this proposal had been submitted to the Department of Health and Social Security, with the Board's support, and a request made for funds to finance the research over a period of three years.

The Department of Health had now written to say it was willing to make available £4,000 for the trial, which would be carried out at Alton and a small steering committee was being set up by the Department of Health and the Medical Research Council to advise on the protocol and suggest further revisions to the trial plan where this could be done with advantage. The funding of this project will be arranged by the Department of Health direct with the North Hampshire Group.

The Committee noted this development with satisfaction.

15/73 Progress Reports

The Committee received progress reports about the following research projects :-

- (a) Evaluation of the effectiveness of different orthopaedic treatments - Mr. R. A. Denham, F.R.C.S., Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Portsmouth (Project No. 103/71)
- (b) A study of Leg Vein Thrombosis and Lung Infarction in the elderly patient with Cardiac Failure - Dr. H. D. Eastwood, Consultant Geriatrician, Southampton (Project No. 105/71)
- (c) A study into the nature and effects of Deafness in elderly patients in a general practice - Dr. D. Skelton, Lecturer in Community Medicine, Southampton University (Project No. 113/72)

16/73 Completed Drug Trials

Final reports and conclusions about completed drug trials were received and noted :-

- (a) Trial of Lentizol - Dr. G. Sedman, Consultant Psychiatrist, Herrison Hospital, Dorset.
- (b) Trial of Beniperidol - Dr. D. A. Bennett, Consultant Psychiatrist, Basingstoke