

The Medical Screening Society

Launch of a new society

For a number of years there has been a need to bring together the disparate groups involved in medical screening. To this end, we have now formed the Medical Screening Society. The Society will provide a forum for people interested in screening to discuss their ideas and problems, to debate controversial topics in a friendly and

constructive way, and to share their experiences. The *Journal of Medical Screening* will be the journal of the Society.

The Society will:

- Set up working groups to look at problems and controversies in medical screening

- Produce scientific reports that would be published in the *Journal of Medical Screening*
- Hold periodic scientific meetings on screening
- Have a page in each issue of the *Journal of Medical Screening*.

The Society will be officially launched at a conference planned for London in October 2002.

I invite all those interested in joining the society to contact Janette Mackie at the *Journal of Medical Screening* (j.a.mackie@qmul.ac.uk, or fax: 44 (0)207 882 6270)

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Screening briefs published in JMS

- 2001;8:220 Screening for ischaemic heart disease by serum homocysteine measurement
- 2001;8:165 Screening infants for congenital deafness
- 2001;8:110 Congenital rubella syndrome: antenatal screening to identify women for postpartum vaccination
- 2001;8:51 Neonatal screening for cystic fibrosis
- 2000;7:212 Screening for congenital hypothyroidism
- 2000;7:166 Antenatal screening for sickle cell disease
- 2000;7:120 Radiographic screening for stomach cancer
- 2000;7:55 Screening to prevent pelvic inflammatory disease from *Chlamydia trachomatis* genital infection
- 1999;6:217 Antenatal and neonatal screening for congenital toxoplasmosis infection
- 1999;6:165 *Helicobacter pylori* testing in screening for the prevention of stomach cancer
- 1999;6:113 Phenylketonuria
- 1998;5:215 Antenatal screening for β thalassaemia (and its variants)
- 1998;5:167 Antenatal screening for neural tube defects
- 1998;5:111 Atrial fibrillation and screening for the prevention of stroke
- 1998;5:54 Hepatoma and chronic liver disease from maternally transmitted hepatitis B infection
- 1997;4:248 Hereditary haemochromatosis
- 1997;4:177 AIDS from maternally transmitted HIV infection
- 1997;4:112 Ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm
- 1997;4:54 Colorectal cancer
- 1996;3:216 Malignant melanoma
- 1996;3:164 Prostate cancer
- 1996;3:110 Lung cancer
- 1995;3:55 Cystic fibrosis
- 1995;2:232 Haemolytic disease of the newborn
- 1995;2:126 Diabetic retinopathy
- 1995;2:117 Congenital dislocation of the hip
- 1995;2:56 Antenatal screening for Down's syndrome
- 1994;1:255 Cervical cancer
- 1994;1:203 Bone density screening for hip fracture
- 1994;1:135 Ovarian cancer
- 1994;1:73 Breast cancer