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Announcements

Seeking Acute Cases of Rheumatic Fever and Sydenham's Chorea

The Child Psychiatry Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health is seeking patients for a study of the course of psychological symptoms accompanying Sydenham's chorea and rheumatic fever. Eligible patients should have had recent (within 2 mo) onset of rheumatic fever, continue to have symptoms and be at least 6 y of age. This study will rate a variety of psychologic and psychiatric symptoms and link these symptoms to anti-CNS autoantibodies. The results will be important in defining the etiology of childhood-onset psychiatric disorders. Patients and their parents will be asked to travel at NIH expense to the NIMH in Bethesda, MD for an initial interview. Brief follow-up interviews will be conducted by telephone every 2 mo for 1 y. Serum samples (5 cc) will be obtained on four separate occasions. There will be no expense to the patient and no remuneration. *Please call* Dr. Susan Swedo at (301) 496-6081 *or write:* Dr. S. Swedo, Child Psychiatry Branch, NIMH, Bldg. 10, Room 6N240, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Special Program in Nutrition for a Healthy Heart Developed for Grade School Children and Their Parents

The J. David Gladstone Foundation of the University of California, San Francisco, has developed a heart healthy nutrition education curriculum for third grade students and their parents. This curriculum, called the Special Program in Nutrition (SPIN), consists of two manuals and a cookbook collection of low fat, low cholesterol recipes. The manuals contain an in-service program for teachers, 27 lessons for third grade students, seven lessons for fourth grade students, and a parents' program with ten planned meetings.

The cost of the complete set is \$35.00; the two-volume curriculum and the cookbook may be purchased separately for \$30.00 and \$10.00, respectively. Add 6.5% California sales tax where applicable. *For further information contact:* The Gladstone Foundation Laboratories, 2550 23rd Street, P.O. Box 40608, San Francisco, CA 94140, (415) 826-7500.

1990 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The American Pediatric Society, The Society for Pediatric Research and The Ambulatory Pediatric Association will meet May 7-11, 1990; Anaheim Hilton & Towers and Convention Center, Anaheim, CA.

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