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R G Newcombe (Statistical adviser) Editor British Medical Journal familial breast and colorectal cancer, with a speculative and unsatisfactory review of the role of radiotherapy in this context, and closes with a chapter on the molecular therapy and prevention of hepatitis B infection, this being of more relevance to sporadic than to familial cancers.

In conclusion, this staccato collection of contributions on aspects of familial cancer is of some value, its main strengths being reports of small genotype/phenotype correlation studies, but there is little emphasis on the clinical surveillance and management of patients and their relatives, and the book is far from comprehensive, of necessity becoming out of date, and frustrating because of the brevity of each topic and the lack of continuity.

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NOTE

Penang International Teaching Course in Gastroenterology

The Penang International Teaching Course in Gastroenterology will be held on 23–26 July 1997 in Penang, Malaysia. This is a joint meeting between the Penang Medical Practitioner's Society, Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and the British Society of Gastroenterology. The Scientific programme comprises symposia on acid related disease, malignant oesophageal

obstruction, dyspepsia, biliary obstruction, and colorectal carcinoma. State of the art lectures will be given on broad range of topics including liver failure, minimally invasive surgery, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, viral hepatitis, endoscopic management of chronic pancreatitis, oesophageal cancer, and management of upper gastrointestinal disease. The course will also include a live endoscopy workshop and gastrointestinal assistant and nurses education program. An international faculty includes J Dent, N Soehendra, J Wong, ATR Axon, D Campbell, K Huibregtse, JM Rhodes, SG Lim, F Konishi, H Dowling, M McMahon, D Kelleher, J Neuberger, T Poynard, J Lambert, SK Lam, ST Kew, S Samad, and SB Chua.

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