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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Drug Strategies in the Prevention and Treatment of Stroke

Date: 24–25 January 1990

Place: London

Stroke occurs commonly and with devastating consequences. Patients are often left dependent on expensive nursing care, and in need of years of rehabilitation therapy. Is there not more that can be done to prevent stroke or to minimise the damage it wreaks?

This international conference will examine drug strategies that have been tried in the past, and novel pharmacological approaches currently under study, in both the prevention and the treatment of acute stroke. Experts in the field will discuss the latest developments, reviewing results from large clinical studies and examining the progress that is being made on the experimental front. The meeting, aimed specifically at all those involved in testing and developing new drugs for use in stroke, will provide an invaluable overview of present day management

of the condition, and changes that the future may bring.

Osteoporosis—Prospects for Prevention and Treatment

Date: 5–6 October 1990

Place: London

The objective of this meeting is to bring together leading authorities, to discuss basic research and clinical studies related to osteoporosis. Oestrogens play a central role in preventing bone loss. The role of hormone replacement therapy in postmenopausal women and its associated risks and benefits will be discussed. The strategies and techniques available for screening and designing trials will also be discussed. For the future, there is a strong need to develop new pharmacological agents that will stimulate new bone formation and enhance bone mass. The new leads in this direction will be reviewed, as well as experimental approaches for their evaluation.

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