

colour studies of individual case-histories from the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases selected and compiled by Professor John Marshall, former Professor of Clinical Neurology in the University of London, constitute an outstanding visual record of the clinical features of nervous disease. Hitherto, this valuable resource existed only as a collection of unedited 16 mm films, many of them in poor condition, and could be viewed only by special arrangement at the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London WC1. However, thanks to a grant made by the History of Medicine Panel of the Wellcome Trust in January 1989, these films have now been re-edited and videocopied, and thus made potentially available to a much wider professional public.

The videocopied Cinefilm Library includes 94 films grouped according to their clinical subject-matter onto 14 videotapes which vary from 20 to 80 minutes in length. Each video comprises one or two major clinical subject groupings, including apraxia, chorea, epilepsy, hysteria, and involuntary movements. In addition there is a videotape of various diseases including Gilles de la Tourette syndrome, Friedreich's Ataxia, Myxoedema, Wilson's disease and Creutzfeld-Jacob disease. Full descriptions of each videotape are given in a catalogue prepared by the Institute of Neurology, copies of which are available on request from the Wellcome Trust. Members of the medical and academic professions engaged in teaching, research and/or practice in clinical neurosciences may view any part or parts of the Library by appointment at the Institute of Neurology and from March 1992, at the Centre for Medical Science and

History. VHS copies may also soon be available to members of the medical and academic professions on a restricted basis.

### Tape details

Ratings	Audience
*** highly recommended	P psychiatrists
** recommended	M multidisciplinary
* worth looking at	UG undergraduates
	PG postgraduates

#### *Alcoholism – The Interviews: and New Approaches to the Treatment of Alcoholism*

Production: Turnip Video/Professor G. Edwards *et al*  
 Distributor: Turnip Video, 193 Queen's Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 8NX  
 Details: Video; 28 and 42 mins; 1989. £47 each or £79 for both tapes  
 Rating/audience: \*, M, UG and PG

#### *Institute of Neurology Cinefilm Library*

Production/ viewing: Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG  
 Maida Vale Hospital, 4 Maida Vale, London W9 1TL  
 The Wellcome Trust, 1 Park Square West, London NW1 4LJ  
 Centre for Medical Science and History, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP  
 Details: VHS Tapes × 14; 20–80 mins each, viewing only at present  
 Rating/audience: \*\*, P, PG

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## Miscellany

### New publications

The Law Commission's consultation paper *Mentally Incapacitated Adults and Decision-making: an Overview* is obtainable free of charge from the Law Commission, Conquest House, 37–38 John Street, Theobalds Road, London WC1N 2BQ to anyone who wishes to send a formal response to it before 31 July 1991. Otherwise it can be purchased from HMSO, price £6.90.

*At Home in the Community* is a directory of housing and support services for people in long term contact with mental health agencies compiled by Jan Sherlock, price £6.95. It is obtainable from Good

Practices in Mental Health, 380 Harrow Road, London W9 2HU (telephone 071 289 2034).

A booklet outlining the *York Monitoring System* software package is now available for purchase. It is designed to help district health authorities implement a 'Care Programme' approach for the long term mentally ill, ensuring that they remain in contact with mental illness services and their needs met. It provides computerised reminders for case managers to review their patients. Written in Oracle, it is flexible, allowing changes and integration into future information systems. Further information can be obtained from Mrs Sue Reynolds, Monitoring System Officer, Bootham Park Hospital, York YO3 7BY.