

Journal links with British Hypertension Society information service



I am delighted that *The British Journal of Cardiology* is to become an official journal of the British Hypertension Society (BHS) information service. The BHS information service was developed to provide doctors and other health care professionals with information about hypertension. This includes details of current clinical management guidelines, recommended blood pressure monitoring devices and succinct summaries of management issues pertaining to specific clinical scenarios.

The information is managed by our information officer Amanda Morse and is primarily provided via our website (www.bhsoc.org). The web is an important medium for disseminating information but is not always accessible or convenient for all. Hence, the formal link with *The British Journal of Cardiology* will be invaluable in that it targets a key audience.

It is also a timely marriage. The BHS has recently decided to further develop and extend the remit of its guidelines working party. In the past, this working party has primarily focussed on producing the latest hypertension guideline. However, we recognise that there is often considerable time between guidelines, during which time new trials report and clinicians wish to know how this new information might be viewed in the context of existing recommendations. The BHS, via its new working party, will produce considered and objective appraisals of new developments in hypertension, which we hope will provide a useful clinical service. These brief reports will be disseminated via the BHS information service and will also appear in *The British Journal of Cardiology*.

I hope that this and other planned developments by the BHS information service will provide a stimulating and helpful flow of information through the journal to its extensive readership. In this regard, I think it is important that we view the web-based information and resources provided by the BHS



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information service as a complementary medium to the journal format, allowing extended links for those who require them. This relationship will evolve over the coming months and hopefully will become established as a regular and popular feature of the journal.

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The British Hypertension Society Information Service has recently re-designed their website to include the most up to date information on hypertension for health professionals in the UK

- Hypertension Management Guidelines
- Courses and Conferences within the field of hypertension
- Validated Blood Pressure Monitors
- Current Articles
- Interactive resources such as a nurses distance learning course, CHD risk calculator and prediction chart