



**TRUSTEES REPORT
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Significant events

1. Risk Factor Study

The publication of the results of the Risk Factor Study by Dr S.M. Hall and her colleagues.

The many difficulties of conducting and interpreting the findings of an epidemiological risk factor study of an association between aspirin and Reye's syndrome are reviewed and emphasized. Nevertheless the findings suggested that an association between Reye's syndrome and preadmission aspirin may exist in some children.

A commentary by the Chairman of the Foundation's Medical and Scientific Advisory Board concludes that we have much to learn about the influence of environmental factors and genetic make up on our response to viral infection

2. Surveillance of Reye's syndrome

A continuation of the reduction in the number of cases of Reye's syndrome in the United Kingdom during the last two years is most welcome news. (for further information relating to surveillance in 1987/88 see Appendix to Trustees' Report – 30th September 1989)