

Preface

It is hoped that this case book illustrates the unique, interesting, varied and stimulating nature of Family Practice and will inspire others to enter the specialty and to examine their own practice with a more critical eye.

An unintentional but recurrent theme has been the deficiencies of the government system. It was not the intention to criticise but rather to highlight the problems currently facing Jamaica.

A broad based approach with the emphasis on Primary Care would lessen the burden on Secondary and Tertiary care institutions and make them more able to deal with appropriate referrals. The cost of Health Care has been emphasised.