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Clinical Services Letter No. 40

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS:

Dear Doctor,

VISITING PRACTITIONER: DR PETER McKINLAY

Dr Peter McKinlay has been appointed to succeed the late Dr Stuart MacKay as Assistant Director, Division of Clinical Services. He will be stationed at Head Office, Wellington, and will commence duty about the middle of April.

Dr McKinlay's primary function will be to visit doctors in all parts of the country in order to discuss prescribing problems, recent advances in therapy, and drug costs. He will be closely associated with the Pharmacology and Therapeutics Committee, and will have access to the latest information on new drugs.

No Disciplinary Function

He will have no disciplinary function, and will not be involved in inquiries into doctors whose prescribing is under scrutiny because of cost.

Dr McKinlay has had 30 years' experience in general practice, including seven years in a partnership of five doctors at Levin. An Edinburgh graduate, he took his M.D. with honours in 1936. In 1962 he spent nine months in Britain and Scandinavia studying psychological medicine in relation to general practice. He has been chairman of the Wellington Faculty of the College of General Practitioners, and has published papers on the general practitioner and the medical services, and the organisation of family medical care.

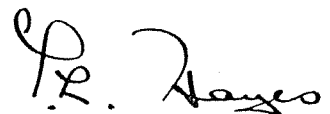
COMMITTEE ON AVAILABILITY AND DISTRIBUTION

A copy of the report of the Special Committee on the Availability and Distribution of Medical Practitioners is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



(A. W. S. Thompson)
Director,



(T. L. Hayes)
Assistant Director,

Division of Clinical Services.