

Neurosciences

Extract from Council Agenda/Minutes for meeting of 27 June 1978
MRC 7 /

57. Report of a meeting on the feasibility of carrying out epidemiological studies of Creutzfeld-Jakob disease (MRC 78/399)

The Board noted that following a recent report from the ARC Advisory Committee on Scrapie, the question had been raised of whether those whose occupations suggested they might be in contact with scrapie had a higher risk of developing Creutzfeld-Jakob disease; a meeting had been arranged, chaired by Professor J.N. Walton, to advise the Board on the value and feasibility of carrying out epidemiological studies on Creutzfeld-Jakob disease. Following a discussion of the report of that meeting Board members endorsed the general conclusions and agreed to set up a working group to coordinate action as appropriate. The following would be invited to serve: Professor J.N. Walton (Chairman), Professor W.B. Matthews, Professor B.E. Tomlinson, Professor M.P. Vessey (or his nominee), Professor C.O. Carter and Dr A.M. Adelstein (or his nominee). The working group would have powers to coopt further members as necessary; it was hoped that they would report back informally to the Board during the next session.

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