

Article: **Accidents and resulting injuries in premobile infants: data from the ALSPAC study**

S A Warrington,

C M Wright,

ALSPAC Study Team

Arch Dis Child 2001;**85**:104-107 doi:10.1136/adc.85.2.104

1. Paediatric head injury audit

o **Alastair Bint, Paediatric SHO**

Royal Surrey County Hospital

Dear Editor,

In response to the recent article 'Accidents and resulting injuries in premobile infants', S.A Warrington et al. It was interesting to see that 97% of these injuries involved the head. Although they were predominantly trivial, the question is, how many of these injuries could be described as easily preventable?

I recently audited the numbers of babies under the age of 6 months who attended our Accident and Emergency department with a head injury during the last year.

I reviewed the case notes to ascertain the mechanism of injury.

The results showed that 25% of attendances were as a direct result of the baby not being strapped into either their pram, carrier chair, or car seat.

This unexpectedly large number has prompted a local awareness campaign with letters sent to local magazines and newspapers. We are also looking into funding a poster campaign aimed at the local GP surgeries.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Alastair Bint