

Deputy Chairman of BUPA Foundation visits the College

Dr Andrew Vallance-Owen, Deputy Chairman of the BUPA Foundation, visited the College on 29 January 2003 and met up with A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, Dr Tan See Leng and Dr Lee Kheng Hock for a discussion on issues regarding research in primary care. Dr Vallance-Owen, who was trained as a surgeon at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, is a keen advocate for improved doctor-patient communication and shared decision-making. BUPA Foundation is an independent, non-profit, medical research organization that helps to fund research in the prevention, relief and cure of sickness and ill health. BUPA Foundation's funding has focussed on the main areas of surgery, prevention, epidemiology, health maintenance, health information and communication. Since its establishment in 1979,



FROM LEFT: DR TAN SEE LENG, DR ANDREW VALLANCE-OWEN, A/P GOH LEE GAN AND DR LEE KHENG HOCK

the Foundation has granted more than £8 million for medical research and health care initiatives.