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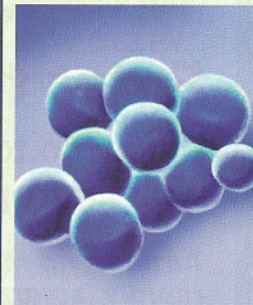
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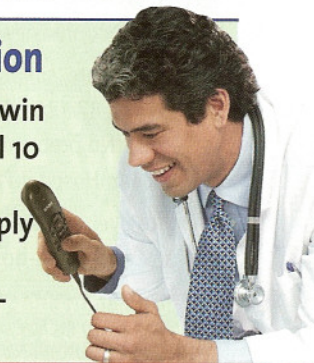


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## Breast screening programme deemed a success

Preliminary results of a study on the acceptance of the German mammography screening programme indicate that women support current efforts to detect breast cancer early. 90% of screening participants said they will also accept future invitations for a scan.

For the study, initiated by the Women's Health Coalition and a self-help group for women who have had cancer, 9,004 randomly chosen women aged between 50 and 69 years were interviewed and some also responded to questionnaires.

Results: 94% think mammography screening increases the likelihood of healing breast cancer due to early detection. 88% of women who, though

Despite unprecedented protests from the medical community

# France re-engineers healthcare system

**Reform of the French healthcare system was placed on a fast track for legislative approval that turned into a six-month marathon of debate punctuated by several street demonstrations. John Brosky reports**

But by the end of June, Health Minister Roselyne Bachelot won approval of the law *Hospital-*

More than 10,000 amendments were proposed and debated with the final law expanding to 135 articles from the original 33 articles proposed by Minister Bachelot.

Yet, despite the sound and the fury, and in spite of being weighted down with an additional 102 amendments, few changes of substance were made to the government's plan for reform.

requiring directors to "seek the opinion" of internal groups, such as medical directors, nurses and patient care committees.

The Senate took up the cause of the medical community that sponsored several street demonstrations during debates, which included, for the first time in recent memory, participation by the great "Mandarins", the heads of

"French hospitals today reflect perfectly what can go wrong with French bureaucracy," said Guillaume Sublet, head of Economic Intelligence and Regulatory Affairs with Nextep Consulting & Health Economics in Paris.

"The government made it clear from the beginning that the paralysis, even sclerosis, in decision-making must be the priority," he said, adding that the newly empowered super-CEOs no longer needs to reconcile the diverse and often conflicting opinions of a half-dozen committees to move a project forward.

"Now, for good or for ill, the quality of decision-making will depend heavily on the intelligence and competences of the individual hospital directors," said Sublet.

Also receiving new executive powers will be the directors for the

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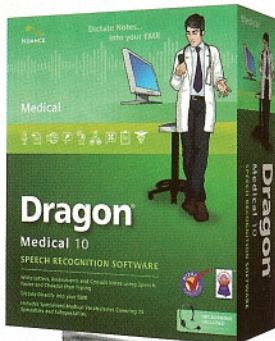
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- Entries received after that date cannot be entered in the draw.
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