

ADHESIVE LABELS AND ARROWS FOR CLINICAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN LEPROSY

Sir,

Most departments of medical illustration and many others who are experienced in clinical photography have used various labels with measuring scales for many years. I have however been surprised to find that many people in the UK are not aware of the existence of adhesive labels and arrows which are ideal for this purpose. Prior to a visit to India on a LEPROA-supported elective period project in 1984, I happened to hear that such labels (originally developed for use in forensic medicine), were available commercially and I tried them out on the skin of patients under conditions of considerable heat and humidity. They adhere well for several minutes and this is more than enough for most purposes in clinical photography. The Standard label, in 'photographic grey', is shown in Figure 1; similar labels in white are also made. Orange-coloured adhesive labels are

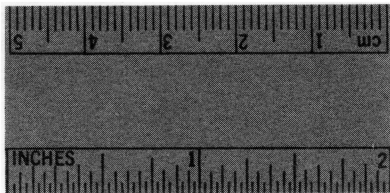


Figure 1. Two-inch/50-mm ruler on flat white or photographic grey, pressure-sensitive paper, with peel-away backing. The patient's name, number, the date and other details can be recorded between the rulings.

produced to draw attention to details. The cost of 50 such labels is £4.00 and they can be obtained in the UK from Wilcare London Ltd, 10 Linden Avenue, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex.

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