

Inquest opens into doctor's death

AN INQUEST opened last week into the death of one of Croydon's best known doctors, who is thought to have committed suicide.

Cardiologist Dr Mary Holt suffered constant pain from arthritis, former colleague Dr John Manners said this week.

Dr Holt worked at Mayday and Croydon General hospitals for more than 20

years, and was also a member of Croydon Health Authority.

Dr Holt, who was 69, retired in 1989. She continued with locum sessions for a time, before moving from Manor Gardens, South Croydon, down to the South Coast. She died at Weymouth Hospital on Wednesday October 20.

Dr Manners, a consul-

tant radiologist at Mayday, said: "Mary had suffered from arthritis for many years. She was in a lot of pain.

"She loved getting about and travelled a great deal. To become increasingly immobile would have been a great burden to her."

No date has yet been fixed for the full inquest hearing.