



Nobel Medicine Prize for Briton, Americans

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 17 : Briton Sir James Black and Americans Gertrude Elion and George Hitchings won the 1988 Nobel Medicine Prize for "important principles for drug treatment," Sweden's Karolinska Institute said today, reports Reuter.

The Institute said Black, of Kings College Hospital in London, won the award for developing a beta-blocker drug called propranolol used to treat coronary disease.

Elion and Hitchings, who have worked together since 1945 at the Wellcome Research Laboratories in North Carolina, were honoured for research which paved the way to the development of cancer drugs which do not damage normal human cells.