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MEDICAL STAFF NOTES

PRE-ADMISSION TESTING SERVICE will become available for elective admissions to the Hospital Center on January 3, 1975. The PAT program permits the hospital to perform, prior to admission, tests previously done after admission and to include their costs as part of the inpatient bill. Blue Cross, Medicare and other hospital insurance programs cover the costs of pre-admission testing. All physicians are encouraged to order under PAT those laboratory or x-ray tests you would normally order on admission as an in-patient.

According to Medical Staff Rules and Regulations, the following tests and procedures are to be done on all patients admitted to the Hospital Center...CBC, urinalysis, chest x-ray, EKG (after age 40), 18 parameter biochemical profiling, ART (serology), prothrombin time, and partial thromboplastin time. In addition, pulmonary function studies as indicated by questionnaire results are to be done on all patients prior to surgery.

When the patient's condition warrants and when ordered by the admitting physician, all of these tests can be done prior to admission. Additional laboratory tests and x-rays may also be ordered and you are encouraged to do so in order that test results can be made available to you prior to or at the time of your patient's admission. PAT is a time-saving, money-saving patient service. In order to help you communicate its benefits to your patients, a descriptive folder is being prepared and copies will be furnished to all staff members for your use.

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COORDINATING COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

DR. JOHN MOREY, President of Muhlenberg College, has been elected Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for our three-hospital complex. The Committee agreed at its last meeting that a chairman elected from outside the hospital community would lend a valuable dimension of objectivity to its deliberations. Dr. Morey was singled out as "the public-spirited citizen of good will and demonstrated leadership ability" the Committee sought. He accepted the invitation to serve and will preside at the Committee's next meeting.

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DR. LEON N. BRANTON has been appointed by the Lehigh County Medical Society to serve as its representative on the Coordinating Committee. The invitation to appoint a member was extended to LCMS following the Committee's meeting on November 16.

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CHRISTMAS WISHES

AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR with the Christmas season upon us, the Administrative Staff of the Hospital Center would like to take time out to extend their wishes to each and every employee for a happy and blessed Christmas.

May the new year bring peace and happiness to all of you.



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IT'S PART OF THE SYSTEM

THE BIOMEDICAL PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT, located on the First Floor of the Hospital Center, is designed and equipped to furnish a wide variety of photographic services. In addition to the required darkroom for processing and printing, it includes an office area, studio layout, and technical section for copying, photomacrography, close-up work, duplicating and other specialties.

According to Jack Dittbrenner, who heads the department, clinical photos of patients are used to document pre- and post-operative conditions, dermatological manifestations and treatment progress. Surgical photography, depicting various procedures and pathology during operations, is another valuable service.

The Department of Pathology utilizes the service to record surgical gross specimens, autopsy procedures and special test results. Technical assistance in the area of photomicrography is also available. The Training Department and various teaching programs throughout the Hospital Center get supportive service from Biomedical Photography, particularly in the production of photos and slides for teaching purposes, orientation, and recruitment.

Transparencies are produced in 35mm format in color, black-and-white, high contrast negative or positive diazo, and in 3¼ X 4 polaroid. Transparencies and prints can be produced from x-rays, EKG's, charts and graphs, statistics, documents, drawings, and the pages of books and magazines. Other capabilities include license and application photos, legal photos, public relations and illustrations for brochures and journals. Motion picture filming is available only on a limited basis, but equipment is forthcoming that will permit videotaping of sophisticated surgical procedures.

Dittbrenner, the Lehigh Valley area's first biomedical photographer, established the Department of Medical Photography at The Allentown Hospital in August, 1960, and headed the department there until joining the Hospital Center staff.

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DRUGS: SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY

PHARMACY DIRECTOR, Robert Tyson has notified all department heads that certain medications previously in short supply are now available. They are Ampicillin Injection, Staphcillin Injection, Neosporin Powder (Topical, Non-Sterile) and Quinidine Sulfate Tab and Injection. He also notes "judicious use should insure the continuous availability of these medications" and explains that "Heparin continues to be almost impossible to obtain in sufficient quantities since it is in drastic shortage on a nationwide scale."

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SUGGESTIONS regarding the format, time and desirability of a weekly worship service suitable for and acceptable to Christians of all denominations are currently being sought by Fr. Edward B. Connolly, director of the department. His temporary office is in the Meditation Room (Extension 3132).

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

We live and learn. Father Connolly discovered that the Sunday Mass schedule he drew up was not too practical for nursing personnel. So here is a revised schedule effective Sunday, December 22.

11:30 P.M. - Saturday (and eve of holydays)

7:30 A.M. - Sunday and holydays

3:30 P.M. - Sunday and holydays

This same schedule will be in effect on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day-- both holydays of obligation.

The daily Mass schedule remains the same: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4:00 P.M.; Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

