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RADIOLOGIST JOINS STAFF

STANLEY BENZEL, M.D., has become the newest member of the staff of the Department of Radiology.

Dr. Benzel received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in 1969, and interned at Maimonides Medical Center in Brocklyn, New York. He spent three years in a straight diagnostic Radiology Residency program at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn where he became Chief Radiology Resident the following year.

During 1973, Dr. Benzel was a staff Radiologist in the military at Fort Knox, Kentucky, following which he accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Radiology at Downstate, where he has been prior to this appointment.

Dr. Benzel was certified by the American Board of Radiology in 1974, and presently resides in Allentown.

Welcome to the Center!

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SYMPOSIUM '76

"NEWER METHODS IN DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY" is the title of the sixth presentation of the Symposium '76 series to be held in the Hospital Center Auditorium on Saturday, October 9. Joining members of the hospital's staff will be guest lecturers Barry B. Goldberg, M.D., Professor of Radiology at Temple University and Director of the Department of Diagnostic Ultrasound at Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, and Robert Zimmerman, M.D., Assistant Professor of Radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Goldberg will speak on ultrasound evaluation of the pelvis, thyroid, and intra-abdominal organs and vasculature; Dr. Zimmerman will speak on Cranial Computed Tomography.

The symposium will begin at 8:30 A.M., and is approved for 4.5 hours of Category I credit. Information about the symposium may be obtained from the Educational Development Office, Extension 2026.

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HOSPITAL FORMULARY

THE ALLENTOWN AND SACRED HEART HOSPITAL CENTER PHARMACY FORMULARY, which was developed by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and approved by the Medical Staff Executive Committee in June, is being distributed throughout the hospital this week.

Robert Tyson, Director of Pharmacy, explained that the formulary is a listing of drugs approved for use in the hospital. The publication serves as a means of communication from the committee to physicians and associated medical personnel and will be revised as necessary to reflect the needs of the Medical Staff.

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CORRECTION

THE INFORMATION REPORTED ON THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NURSING PERSONNEL IN THE SECOND YEAR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE OF UPDATE WAS IN ERROR. The article incorrectly ascribed to Miss Brown, Director of Nursing, a statement reporting an increase in the number of nursing personnel of 50%, from 355 to 521. The increase in employees in the department was actually 13%, from 462 as of 9/6/75 to 521 as of 9/4/76. This compares favorably with the approximate 30% increase in patient days during the same time period.

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MEDICAL APPOINTMENT

INDRU T. KHUBCHANDANI, M.D., PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL STAFF, was appointed Associate Director General of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons at their meeting in Salzburg, Austria, last week. The society's membership includes 200 physicians from 53 different countries and is limited to those of university teaching status.

Dr. Khubchandani presented a lecture and movie detailing the techniques of hemorrhoid surgery performed by the physicians here at the Center. He will succeed Professor Harry E. Bacon, M.D., of Temple University.

Congratulations!

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CRITICAL CARE COURSE

THE CRITICAL CARE COURSE BEING OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING under the supervision of Margaret Brunner and Anna Marie Seroka, Unit Instructors, has recently been evaluated by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. The six-week course, which presently has 15 students enrolled, was commended by the association which approved it for 14 Continuing Education Units. The Pennsylvania Nursing Association had previously approved it for state credit.

AUXILIARY MEETING

THE HOSPITAL CENTER AUXILIARY conducted its first meeting of the fall season on Tuesday, September 21, at 8:00 P.M., in the auditorium. Maryann Bachman, Auxiliary President, presided over the meeting which featured a slide presentation entitled "Reflections," highlighting the events of the past year at the Center.

The Auxiliary also approved the budget for the coming year and the expenditure of \$5,800.00 for the purchase of flow meters and probes, much needed equipment for the cardiac surgery program at the hospital. Plans were also begun for the Spring Lawn Festival which will be held on Wednesday, May 18, this year.

Lucia Gray accepted the position of Chairman of Volunteers for the Auxiliary. She will replace Barbara Fish, whose resignation from the board was regretfully accepted. Mrs. Fish has accepted a full-time position with the Swain Country Day School. We thank her for her time and service and wish her success in her new position.

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ORTHOPEDIC NURSING

<u>A FOUR-DAY POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN "ORTHOPEDIC NURSING</u>" sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons was held in Atlanta, Georgia, September 12-15. Attending from the Hospital Center were: Janet Ifkovits, R.N., of 5C, MaryAnn Carelli, R.N., of 5C, and Jane Lewis, R.N., of 5A. The course covered many phases of medical care rendered to orthopedic patients, emphasizing orthopedic nursing care related to the upper and lower extremities, total joint replacements, scoliosis, arthritis and sports medicine.

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DINING ROOM CHANGES

NEW FURNITURE HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR THE DINING ROOM and upon arrival of the forty chairs and ten tables, the seating and food service area will be reorganized.

In order to have a faster flow of personnel through the line at peak hours, a second cashier stand will be erected. The new stand will be located in a similar position to that of the present line for collection of meal tickets only. The second line will have a cash register and will be staffed by a dietary employee who will receive both cash and meal tickets.

Mr. Jerry Miller, Director of Food Services, stated that in order to make the best use of available space, the seating will also be rearranged. To accommodate groups using larger tables, permanently set up long tables will be arranged against the wall. Thus, the single tables in the center will be used to permit maximum seating and avoid cluttering caused by pushing tables together.

Your cooperation is requested.