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LABORATORY LICENSED BY CDC

THE HOSPITAL CENTER has received notice that it is the first and only Hospital Laboratory in the State of Pennsylvania to be licensed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta to participate in interstate commerce. There are only 3 or 4 commercial laboratories in the State with this licensure, and none in this area.

John J. Shane, M.D., Director of the Clinical Laboratories, stated that with this approval "we can now accept specimens in interstate commerce, but more importantly we can assure our patients and staff physicians that the laboratory service meets the most stringent regulations applicable to laboratory service today."

Congratulations to all of the laboratory personnel involved as the inspection was quite rigorous and this licensure is quite an honor!

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OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX

THE HOSPITAL CENTER is required to withhold occupational privilege tax of \$10.00 from all of its employees and the "big bite" is going to come on payday, March 25.

If any employee has had their 1977 occupational privilege tax withheld from another employer, has proof of the deduction, and can present this proof at the payroll office before noon on Tuesday, March 22, the tax will not be withheld.

If at the end of 1977, an employee has earned less than \$800, a refund of the occupational privilege tax can be obtained by applying at the Treasurer's Office, Salisbury Township. (The Hospital Center cannot make this refund.)

Thank you for your cooperation.

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ILLNESS OR INJURY WHILE ON THE JOB

EMPLOYEES WHO BECOME ILL OR INJURED while on duty should notify their Supervisor or Department Head and report to Employee Health. Employees should report to the Emergency Room when Employee Health is not open or when an injury is severe and requires immediate treatment.

An incident report must be completed for every injury occurring while on duty and should be completed within 48 hours of injury. When possible, the incident report should be taken with the employee when going for treatment.

Where a work-related injury or illness has occurred, employees are reminded that the employee must first be seen in Employee Health or the Emergency Room before seeking treatment elsewhere.

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NURSING GRAND ROUNDS

"THE TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT" will be the topic of Nursing Grand Rounds to be held on Wednesday, March 30, 1977, by the staff of 5C. Two presentations will be given by the staff on 5C, from 11:00 - 11:45 A.M., and from 12 Noon - 12:45 P.M.

All interested personnel are invited to come and bring their lunch. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

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CRITICAL CARE NURSING COURSE GRADUATES

THE THIRD CRITICAL CARE NURSING COURSE sponsored by the Center completed its curriculum on March 4. Margaret Brunner, R.N., and Anna Seroka, R.N., Unit Instructors, conducted the six-week course which provided professional nurses the opportunity to learn basic principles and current trends in critical care nursing.

We congratulate the eleven graduates including Candice Flood, R.N., Burn Unit; Johanna Sheppard, R.N., 4B; Rosemarie Hudock, R.N., and Vicki Whitehead, R.N., ICU; Irene Kreider, R.N., and Debra Yoder, R.N., PCU; Cynthia Shoop, R.N., ACU; and Catherine Kline, R.N., "Float" Nurse.

SYMPOSIUM '77

"FACIAL INJURIES" is the topic of the Symposium which will be held this Saturday, March 19, in the Hospital Center Auditorium. If you haven't registered and are interested in attending, please contact Educational Development at Extension 2026.

NEW UR MEMBER

THE HOSPITAL CENTER welcomes Suzann Woodyatt, the new Utilization Review Assistant in the Utilization Review/Discharge Planning Department. Ms. Woodyatt was employed at Stuyvesant Life Insurance Company before she joined the Department on January 31.

PLEASE KEEP OFF THE GRASS

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY and the Engineering Department is making every effort to replenish the lawn areas around the Hospital with new grass seed. It is especially important at this time that everyone help out and avoid walking or parking a car on any of these areas. This includes being more careful when pulling into spaces out in the lot as it is easy to drive onto the grass islands separating the rows.

Thanks for the effort!

PARKING STICKER REMINDER

IF YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP your Hospital Center Employee Parking Sticker, please do so as soon as possible at the Engineering Office. Remember to bring your 1977 owners card!



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OF INTEREST...

THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES is presenting their fourth annual symposium entitled "The Shock States" on April 20, 1977. The all-day affair will be held at the Holiday Inn East and will feature Ms. Diane Adler, R.N., M.S.N., President of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, as the keynote speaker.

Members of the Hospital Center's staff who will be speaking include Luther "Pat" Rhodes, M.D.; Anna Seroka, R.N., B.S.N.; and Andre' Maquera, M.D. Registration including lunch is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$7 for student nurses, and may be made by contacting Diane Puskar, R.N., Sacred Heart Hospital.

On Saturday, March 26, the Mid-Eastern Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Societies of Hospital Pharmacists will sponsor a continuing education at Muhlenberg Medical Center. The program will be held from 9:30 A.M., to 4:00 P.M., and will feature presentations on Fluid and Electrolyte Therapy and Cancer Chemotherapy. Registration information is available at the Hospital Center's Educational Development Office at Extension 2026.

"Airway Problems": Causes, Diagnosis, and Management will be the topic of a program to be held at Sacred Heart Hospital on Tuesday, April 26, 1977, from 6-8:00 P.M. The program, sponsored by the Eastern Pennsylvania Otorhinolaryngology Society, will feature Myles Turtz, M.D., Associate Professor, Temple University Medical School and Director of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

Registration can be obtained through Michael Gordon, M.D., 1251 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard.

Samuel Lerner, M.D., will be speaking at the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists Mid Year Conference in Chicago on March 27. His topic will be "Intraoperative Fluid Replacement."

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