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SYMPOSIUM '78

"THE PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL AND MALPRACTICE" will be the topic at Symposium '78 on Saturday, March 18, 1978, beginning at 8:45 A.M., in the Hospital Center auditorium.

The Risk Management symposium will feature James Vaccarino, J.D., Staff Counsel at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, discussing the practical approach to Risk Management; Harold L. Hirsh, M.D., J.D., Professorial Lecturer, American University, Catholic University, George Washington University, lecturing on the legal basis for Risk Management; and Norma Shaw Hogan, Patient Representative Consultant and Past President of the Society of Patient Representatives of the American Hospital Association, speaking on the Patient Representative's Role in Risk Management.

The program is for physicians, nursing personnel and supervisors, hospital managers, trustees, patient representatives, legal counsel, and all members of the health care team concerned in the effort to reduce the risk of malpractice. Category I credit has been applied for through the Lehigh Valley Area Health Education Center.

For further information, contact the Educational Development Office, 821-2026.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

THE HOSPITAL CENTER'S recently formed Recreation Committee has gotten off to a fast start. Scheduled events include:

1) Intra-Hospital Volleyball League - at last count, 65 people have signed up. The tremendous interest is encouraging, and if you haven't signed up by now, contact the Public Relations Office, Extension 3084, by Monday, March 6, 1978.

2) Free Tennis and Racquetball clinics at Vantage Point Racquet Club for all skill levels - Tennis Clinic - Saturday, March 11, 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.; Racquetball Clinic - Sunday, March 12, 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Comfortable clothes and sneakers are all that's required. For registration or information, contact Paul Dowling, Personnel Department, Extension 3100.

3) A one-day trip to New York City - for shopping, sightseeing, or an opportunity to see one of five plays: The Wiz, Grease, The King and I, Chapter Two, and The Magic Show. Cost, excluding theater, is \$7.00 for the round trip bus fare. For more information, contact Evan Reichlin, Personnel; Jeanne Fignar, Business Office; Margie Rusyn, Engineering; Joanne Macko, Lab; or Pat Case, Ambulatory Services.

As there are a few departments not represented on the Recreation Committee, interested personnel are asked to come to the next meeting, March 23, 1978, at 5:00 P.M., in the Conference Dining Room.

PARKING

PARKING STICKERS will be available from Margie Rusyn, Engineering, on Thursday, March 9, at the pay check window when checks are issued. All you will need is your vehicle registration to receive the parking sticker. Parking stickers are also available Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., in the Engineering Office.

PARKING TICKETS will be given to people who are still parking illegally in the parking lot, according to Leonard Farkas, Director of Engineering. The recent snow storms have made parking difficult, but now that the lot is clear, security will not overlook anyone who continues to park illegally.

HOSPITAL CENTER PERSONNEL LECTURE

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A BURN SEMINAR for Emergency Medical Personnel will be held on Saturday, March 4, 1978, in the Hospital Center auditorium, beginning at 9:15 A.M.

The program, originally presented in December, is aimed at pre-hospital Basic Life Support treatment and care of various types of burn patients. The seminar is being organized by the Eastern Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Services Council, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Hospital Center personnel lecturing at the seminar are Walter J. Okunski, M.D., Director of the Burn Unit; and Eric Bakow, R.R.T., Assistant Technical Director of Respiratory Therapy. Dr. Okunski will be speaking on Emergency Care of the Burn Patient, and Mr. Bakow's topic will be "Smoke Inhalation, Respiratory Burns, and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning."

Also included on the agenda will be discussions by Ms. Julia Witmer, Pennsylvania Department of Emergency Health Services, and Corporal Morris Demsko, Pennsylvania State Police, on availability, access and use of Pennsylvania State Police helicopters for emergency transport or transfer of critically ill or injured patients to Burn Units or Burn Center facilities.

For further information, please call Mr. Frank Kloiber, at the Eastern Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Services Council, Allentown, at 820-9212.

LICENSURE & RECERTIFICATION APPROVAL GIVEN

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH has again approved the Hospital Center for licensure and Medicare Recertification. A number of compliments were accorded on the work the Center is doing - Congratulations to all departments!

CAFETERIA NOTES

THE CROWDED SITUATION in the cafeteria during lunch is becoming quite a problem. Mrs. Valeria Boyer, Associate Administrator, requests that employees with a flexible lunch schedule take their lunch either before noon or after 1:00 P.M., to ease the congestion. Also, an additional 20 new seats will be added.

Work on the kitchen floor has been completed, according to Gerald Miller, Director of Food Services.

The new cold food line in the cafeteria should be completed within two weeks. Equipment for the line is expected to arrive this week.

PERSONAL PHONE CALLS

IN ORDER TO INSURE that your family or friends can reach you when you are here at the Hospital Center, please make sure they have your exact Centrex extension so they can dial directly into your work area. Centrex is not always able to locate hospital personnel, and your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated. Thank You!

O.R. NURSES CONVENTION

THE NATIONAL OPERATING ROOM NURSES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, being held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from March 13-17, 1978, will be well represented by personnel from the Hospital Center, according to O.R. Supervisor, Mildred Guzara, R.N. O.R. Nurses, Connie Lichtenwalner, R.N., Treasurer of the Local Chapter, Patty Deutsch, R.N., and Delores Duffy, R.N., delegates, will be attending.

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DO YOU KNOW HOW TO USE SIGN LANGUAGE? Would you be willing to act as an interpreter if needed? We occasionally have communication problems with patients who have hearing or speech deficiencies and would like to prepare a list of "interpreters" to aid them and the Hospital Center staff in making their hospital stay a more pleasant one. If you feel you can be of assistance, please contact the Personnel Office. Thank You!

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MAY-DAY, INC.

MAY-DAY, INC., a non-profit organization responding to the problems of any family member suffering from personal problems related to family abuse, will be offering free assistance to women suffering from violence (emotional as well as physical). A recruitment meeting for interested volunteers will be held on Monday, March 6, 1978, at 7:45 P.M., in the Community Room of the First National Bank, 7th & Hamilton Mall, Allentown. The organization is seeking professional social workers, community organizers, fund raisers, office personnel, and prospective board members. For more information, contact May-Day, Inc., P.O. Box 134, Bethlehem, PA 18016.

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