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ASHHC PERSONNEL

ATTEND

NEUROLOGY COURSE

Dr. Lawrence Levitt, Chief of Neurology at the Hospital Center and Allentown Hospital, and Dr. Howard L. Weiner, Assistant Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School, recently presented the 2nd Annual Intensive Clinical Neurology Course in New York City. The post-graduate practical neurology course is designed to give family physicians, internists and psychiatrists a problem oriented approach to common neurologic problems.

Topics covered at the 3 day conference included stroke and stroke syndromes, transient ischemic attacks, coma, headache, dementia, seizures, vertigo, neurology of alcohol, diabetes and uremia and neurological complications of malignancy, muscle weakness and common clinical problems. Also included were videotape presentations of patients in Allentown Area Hospitals.

Over 125 people from all over the country attended the course, including A&SHHC residents John Anagnost, M.D., Judith Hoffman, M.D., John Horvat, M.D., Nat Levinson, M.D., Kris Sperry, M.D.; and from Family Practice at Sacred Heart Hospital, John Dulcey, M.D., and Rich Lazer, M.D. Linda Best, R.N. (ICU), Pat Kloss, R.N. (ICU), Marianne Mehler, R.N. (Critical Care Instructor), and Norma Radosevich, R.N. (Recovery Room) also attended.

The text provided for the course, **Neurology for the House Officer**, is authored by Drs. Levitt and Weiner, and is in its 2nd printing. Drs. Levitt and Weiner have also authored **Pediatric Neurology for the House Officer**.

Dealing with a full house: more patients, more visitors, more staff

When the hospital is full, the added number of people, not only in terms of patients, but also visitors and staff, make our already crowded conditions much worse. As a result, those areas which were already at maximum capacity are now overflowing. The two main areas which are impacted and used by everyone everyday are the parking lot and the cafeteria.

The eventual solutions to these problems lie in the long range plans of the hospital which call for large expansion in both areas. These solutions, however, will not be implemented in the near future. Therefore, some short term answers and the cooperation of all personnel to make the most efficient use of these areas must be utilized to deal with the problems today.

Parking

The gravel parking lot area containing about 80 spaces was surfaced during the last week, and as such will be more usable when the weather is bad. In addition, Engineering is working on another parking lot expansion to the west of the hospital across the road from the loading dock area. According to Leonard Farkas, Director of Engineering, work on this area should be completed in about 2 to 3 months. In the meantime, while parking remains tight, Security will monitor parking and direct parking in alternate areas, such as along roadways, when necessary.

To help with the parking problem, all employees should look into the possibility of car pooling or taking public transportation to and from work. Any reduction in the number of vehicles will help a great deal.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria area continues to be overcrowded. During peak meal hours, seats are at a premium. To help alleviate this problem, more tables and chairs have been ordered. According to John Reges, Director of Materials Management, 8 tables and 40 chairs have been ordered which should be in place in about 4 to 6 weeks.

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An inconsiderate driver can easily worsen the situation in the parking lot. Here, Chief of Security, Tony Messino (left) and guard William Fritzinger prepare a warning for this misparked Ford.



- To Dietary**
Richard Genovese
- To Housekeeping**
Barbara Moyer
- To Medical Records**
Mary Ann Kostelnick
- To Nursing Services**
Catherine Hand
- To Radiology**
Elizabeth Lockwood

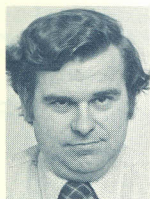
MAY DAZE '79

May Daze, one of the most fun filled events of the year, is only seven more weeks away. This year, carnival rides, beginning Friday evening, May 18, at 6:00 P.M., will kick off the May Daze festivities. On Saturday, May 19, May Daze will feature food, crafts, music, and antique cars.

Anyone interested in helping with games, food counters, etc., should contact Public Relations, Extension 3084.

May Daze will also sponsor a raffle with exquisite prizes. First prize will be a beautiful quilt from Creative Quilters of Bethlehem. Second prize is a lovely water color painting by Catherine Goldsmith of the Auxiliary. A shirt from the Needlepoint Studio in Emmaus is third prize. Fourth and fifth prizes are an afghan donated by Mrs. Burton T. Kuhns, and a \$50.00 gift certificate for the Tree Top Shop. Tickets for the raffle are available in the lobby, and third shift employees may purchase raffle tickets from Betty Ritter at the main desk at 7:00 A.M.

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS



John Benner



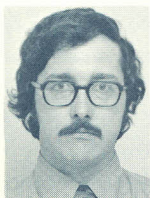
David Carney



Deborah Meadows



Robert Oriel



John Rule



Fred Steckel

Graduates of A&SHHC and Allentown Hospital's Internal Medicine Residency Program have done it again!

Ever since the program became part of the Medical Education Curriculum at Allentown Hospital (1969) and at A&SHHC (1874), all graduates who took the American Board of Internal Medicine Certification Exam have passed it on their first try.

An astonishing accomplishment, considering the exam has a failure rate of 50-55% of those who take it the first time.

The most recent group include these physicians who graduated from residency programs last year:

John Benner, M.D., has an Internal Medicine practice at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

David Carney, M.D., former co-chief Medical Resident, lives in Coopersburg, and is an Emergency Room Physician at Pottsville Hospital.

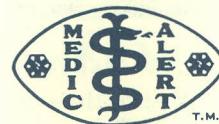
Deborah Meadows, M.D., has a Rheumatology Fellowship at the University of Texas, San Antonio.

Robert Oriel, M.D., co-chief Medical Resident, is presently doing a Cardiology Fellowship at A&SHHC.

John Rule, M.D., is a Captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Fred Steckel, M.D., has a private practice in Internal Medicine in Bellows Falls, Vermont.

SUPPORT MEDIC ALERT WEEK



Recognize this? You should. It's the Medic Alert Emblem that can be found on bracelets and necklaces, and it's recognized the world over.

It represents a program intended to alert physicians and other medical personnel to special situations that require considerations before treating a patient who may be unable to communicate.

The week of April 1-7 marks the 2nd annual observation of National Medic Alert Week for the 23 year old organization.

The Hospital Center will observe this event by expanding the service through wider dissemination of Medic Alert information. Brochures will be placed at each nursing station, the Outpatient Registration Desk, Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit, Short Procedure Unit, and the Information Desk.

More information concerning the program may be obtained by contacting Elwood Ehr Gott, Administrative Assistant for Ambulatory Services, Extension 2129. Medic Alert applications can be ordered from Bulk Stores on Hospital Supply Requisitions.

on call

Appearing on "On Call: A Community Health Series" will be:

April 2, 7:30 P.M.

April 7, 3:00 P.M. — "Micro Neurosurgery" is discussed by Harry Stephens, M.D., Neurosurgeon.

A few decades ago, operations on the brain were rarely performed. Now, many people owe their lives to the high degree of development in this area. Actual surgery of the brain will be shown.

April 9, 7:30 P.M.

April 14, 3:00 P.M. — "Nursing and Nurse Practitioners" is discussed by guests Pat Frenduto, R.N., and Trish Veinotte, R.N. Shelley Brown is host along with Dr. Headley White, Jr., as co-host.

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PEOPLE!

Cafeteria

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There have also been numerous complaints about the number of visitors eating during times when employees are scheduled. As a result, department heads will be taking turns in the cafeteria asking visitors to wait until a later time to eat.

Scheduling of meal times is of utmost importance. All departments should stagger employee meal times over the entire period when lunch is being served. Saving seats also ties up much needed space, so please don't reserve seats for others who may eventually join you. Also, with the coming of warm weather, the picnic tables will again be available outside for use on nice days.

The problems associated with overcrowding are not going to disappear in the near future. However, efforts are underway to deal with as many of these problems as possible and everyone's help is needed.



Sandra McCormack



Karen Smith



Donna Kerner

Sandra McCormack, Business Office, has been promoted to Business Office Supervisor. Sandy has been at the Center since April, 1977, and prior to her promotion, she was Staff Assistant. As supervisor, her duties include overseeing all Business Office activities, including scheduling, audits, and processing all patient accounts.

Karen Smith has been promoted to Staff Assistant. Prior to her promotion, Karen was Medicare Clerk, and she also has been at the Center since April, 1977.

Donna Kerner, MLT, CLT, has been appointed Evening Supervisor, Laboratory, and **Richard Doll, MT, ASCP**, has been appointed Night Shift Supervisor in the Lab.

They will be responsible for all technical activities for their respective shifts, and will act as liaisons between the lab and ancillary departments and physicians.

Donna has been at the Center since November, 1974, and Richard has been here since February, 1976.

Alan Zewan, Utilization Review Coordinator, attended an Integral Audit Seminar for medical and health care professionals in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Professionals from New York, New Jersey, and Ohio hospitals also attended. The seminar was designed to inform and familiarize those who had little experience using the integral audit system.

The Audit System has been set up as an informative teaching process through which medical and health care professionals become aware of the needs and care that the patient must be provided with according to his or her illness.

Shelley Grovatt, R.N., 3C, recently attended a two-day seminar presented by Nurses Christian Fellowship at St. Luke's Hospital in New York. The conference, "Spiritual Care: The Nurses Role" was designed to inform nurses of their role in helping to provide the patient with his or her spiritual needs.

Shelley Grovatt and **Father Connolly** invite all A&SHHC personnel and staff to attend employee prayer meetings held on Mondays from 3:30 to 3:45 P.M. Please feel free to contact Shelley or Father Connolly (Extension 2075) should you wish to make suggestions or would like more information.

Dr. Stanley Zeeman, Chief of Cardiology at A&SHHC; Faye Baylor, R.N., and Charlene Dunn, R.N., of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit, recently gave a presentation on the Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at A&SHHC to members of the Zipper Club.

The Zipper Club is comprised of individuals who have had open heart surgery. Dr. Zeeman gave a brief history of the rehab program, while Faye discussed the purpose and goals of cardiac rehabilitation and the benefits of regular exercise. Charlene presented the exercise therapy program for post-MI and cardiac bypass patients as well as detailing the stress testing procedure.

The program was taped for a presentation on a Lehigh radio station.

EMERGENCY POWER TEST

Just a reminder that on Wednesday, April 11, at 4:00 P.M., Engineering will conduct a test of the Hospital Center's emergency power system. The test should take 1/2 hour. The activation of the diesel generator powered emergency system is required twice a year, along with monthly checks of the system.

If any department has any questions concerning their power loss, please contact Engineering at Extension 2000.

Medical Explorers CAR WASH

It's been a harsh winter, but March 21 marked the first day of Spring and hopefully the rain, snow, and slush will disappear into days of warm sunshine. Now's the time to treat your car to the bath it's been waiting for all winter.

Explorer Post 916 at A&SHHC is holding a car wash at Dave's Arco at 2nd and Main Streets (next to Anchorage) in Emmaus, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., on Saturday, April 7. The cost for a wash and dry will be \$1.50. Raindate is scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

RX: PHYSICIANS REFERENCE GUIDE

It's here and it's just what the doctor ordered - a complete, definitive guide loaded with plenty of information concerning services offered at the Hospital Center.

The Physicians Reference Guide is now being distributed to local physicians.

Along with the description of services available are the procedures for obtaining them. Locations, hours, phone numbers, special instructions pertaining to certain departments, listing of procedures, equipment recently acquired and its capabilities, plus information and suggestions for patients using the services are all detailed in the guide.

The manual is arranged logically with a table of contents, followed by a quick reference guide to departmental telephone numbers, and a hospital layout. The body of the manual is divided into five sections dealing with Pre-Admission Services, Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, Supportive Services, and Information for the Handicapped/Parking Instructions.

Revisions of the manual will be sent to all offices and departments whenever changes or additions are made in services or procedures for obtaining these services.

For further information on the Physicians Reference Guide, contact Elwood Ehr Gott, Administrative Assistant for Ambulatory Services, 821-2129.

PRIMARY NURSING SEMINAR

A two-day primary nursing seminar will be held on April 23 and 24, 1979, in the Hospital Center Auditorium. Guest speaker will be Dalineta L. Hines, R.N., B.S.N., who directed the Primary Nursing Project at George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Hines has also been Associate Director of Clinical Nursing at Mount Vernon Medical Center, Alexandria, Virginia.

The program, funded by the Innovation and Development Fund of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, will be offered to Hospital Center nursing personnel and a limited number of representatives from local hospitals.

Attendance will be by registration only.

For further information, contact Nursing Services, Extension 3110.

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FISHERMEN!

Do you know all the basics of Trout fishing? Spin and Fly fishing? Well, whether you're an experienced angler or a first timer, the Outdoor Club can help you.

On Wednesday, April 4, at 5:00 P.M., in the Auditorium, Ed Kurtz, Engineering, and Dennis Fetters, Bio-Medical Engineering, will discuss the basics of trout fishing and give a presentation on the "Ecology of a Trout Stream."

For more information, contact Dennis Fetters, Extension 3161.

TENNIS

Anyone interested in forming a league to play informally or in organized competition should contact Sue Gingrich, Educational Development, Extension 2026.

SOFTBALL

An intra-hospital slowpitch softball league is in the process of being formed. Captains of established teams or personnel interested in joining in on the fun should contact Jim Higgins, Public Relations, 3084, or Joanne Macko, Laboratory, 2050.

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