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Computer system expands

Basic Order Entry -A term you may have seen on the many posters throughout the Hospital telling employees about a new part of the Center's computer system called the Hospital Information System (H.I.S.).

Since Basic Order Entry is obviously new to everyone, Update went to Andrea Sawka, Systems Analyst for H.I.S. at A&SHHC, to explain what it's all about.

According to Andrea, Basic Order Entry is the first part of the computer system which involves clinical areas. Up until now, the system has provided information for identification of patients and financial information.

Basic Order Entry means that orders for patients can be entered into the information system through computer terminals on the nursing units. This is the way it works:

1. When a patient is admitted, a patient information file is put into the computer. This file contains the same information which is now on the patient's stamp plate.
2. When a nurse places an order, he/she identifies the patient by calling up the file on the terminal.
3. When the correct patient is on the terminal, the nurse can then place orders for patient care by selecting from a Medical Service List, which includes such items as medication, diet, transfers, x-rays, laboratory work, physical therapy and others.
4. The nurse requests an order for the patient by entering the service or item into the terminal at the nursing desk.
5. All departments concerned with the order are automatically notified on a printer and the order is carried out. At the same time, all charges for the orders are automatically collected and entered. They are sent to the patient account system to produce the hospital bill.

The objective of the computerized information system is to increase efficiency, improve patient care and increase productivity. It does this by reducing clerical effort and paper work, and improving the organization of information about patients.

When the system is fully developed, H.I.S. will be able to receive, store, distribute and reproduce much of the information important to patient care as needed throughout the hospital. Quite an impressive system!

But what about protecting the patient's privacy and the confidentiality of the information in the system? Here again, a great deal of planning has been done. Andrea assured us that access to data in the system will be very strictly controlled. Each individual using the system must be authorized to do so and must identify themselves to the computer before they can use the system. In addition, authorized persons can only use those parts of the system and can only have access to that information about patients which is necessary for them to do their job effectively.

The Basic Order Entry system is expected to begin operation in November 1980 with two departments: dietary and admitting. Dietary will receive information on all patient diets and any changes in diets during hospitalization. Admitting will receive all transfer requests and discharge orders.

Freedom: this family's dream

Religious freedom. To be able to practice a religion or belief without persecution. A freedom we take for granted.

For many people in the world today, such freedom does not exist. To be able to live in a country where they can practice their religion, their traditions, and their customs, is the fulfillment of a dream.

So it was for Victoria and Arkady Romm, when on Sunday, August 3, their 5 year old son, Vitally, was circumcized at A&SHHC according to Hebrew tradition in a ceremony called a *brit*.

The Romms are Russian. They had lived in the small town of Vilna in the Soviet Union all their lives. Though Vilna had once had a strong Judaic tradition, the freedom to practice Judaism was something only their parents and grandparents remembered.

This past May, the Romms were able to obtain visas, leave Russia, and begin a long journey which, with the aid of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), the Jewish Federation, and Jewish Family Service of Allentown, ended in the Lehigh Valley.

Many people in Allentown devoted endless time and energy to make the adjustment to their new home easier. An apartment was found, food and furniture supplied, a hospitality committee oriented them to the community, and an employment committee worked with Arkady and Victoria on job possibilities -- all under the direction of Diane Silverman, Resettlement Coordinator for Russian Immigrants, Jewish Family Service. According to Sandy Chamberlain, the agency's Executive Director, the goal is to develop independence and self-sufficiency, all within three months.

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**The Center
Welcomes**

To Ambulatory Services
Cordelia Sperry

To Housekeeping
Michael Miller

To Laboratory
Karen Bantley
David Bassler
Cheryl Bastian
Patricia Carroll
Carol Halper
Linda Simrell
Janet Stamm
John Stefanik

To Microsurgical Lab
Maralyn Steinberg

To Nursing Services
Martin O'Connor
Antoinette Wytanis

Cardio- pulmonary Resuscitation class

The next CPR class for non-nursing personnel will be held on September 10, 11, and 12, 10: A.M. - 11:30 A.M., in Classroom II.

CPR Recertification will be held on September 10, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., in Classroom II.



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Symposium '80

"Advances in the Management of the Patient with Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (C.O.L.D.)" will be the topic for Symposium '80, September 6, 1980, at 8:30 A.M., in the Hospital Auditorium.

The program will discuss the spectrum of C.O.L.D.; Rehabilitation of the Patient with C.O.L.D.; Acute and Chronic Cardiac and Pulmonary Responses to Exercise Training; Advances in Drug Therapy of C.O.L.D.; Sleep Apnea; and a panel discussion.

The faculty includes guest speakers Richard A. Krumholz, M.D., Medical Director, Institute of Respiratory Diseases, Kettering Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio, and Herb Weber, Ph.D., Director of Work Physiology Lab, East Stroudsburg State College, and Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation, Pocono Hospital. John P. Galgon, M.D., Director of A&SHHC Pulmonary Services, John A. Kibelstis, M.D., Director of Allentown Hospital's Pulmonary Lab, Joseph E. Vincent, M.D., Director of Allentown Hospital's Respiratory Therapy Department and Rebecca Russel, R.R.T., C.O.L.D. Coordinator for the A&SHHC Respiratory Therapy Department, will also be speaking at the program.

Category I Credit is available from the American Medical Association; four hours of credit are also available from the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the American College of Family Practice Physician.

For more information, contact the Educational Development Department, 2026.

Freedom:

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The *brit* was another example of community caring as well as the first major religious ceremony in the family's life. Tamar Earnest, M.D., general surgeon, John Jaffe, M.D., urologist, Abraham Ross, M.D., anesthesiologist, and Betty Arsht, R.N., O.R., donated their time for the procedure, and the Hospital Center made the facilities available. Rabbi Yellin from Temple Beth El and Rabbi Brockman from Temple Keneseth Israel conducted the service.

It was a time of celebration. A new life for the Romms -- a life of freedom, a life of friends. A life in which their tradition and their religion could enhance their lives rather than make life difficult. *L'Chaim* -- to life.

Sign up for Wellness!

"By health, I mean that...I want to be all that I am capable of becoming..."

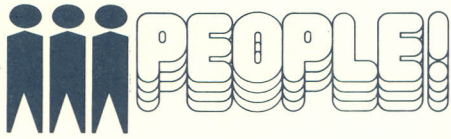
This description of wellness, recorded by a British author, recognizes that health is considerably more than the absence of a minor or major illness. The interplay between one's physical, biological and emotional well-being is inseparably linked to an individual's feeling of "being healthy."

The new Wellness Center at A&SHHC is an attempt to assist individuals in enhancing some of the many facets of personal health. Because each person is unique and because there is no one path to optimal health, the Wellness Center will offer an array of health promotion programs.

Every hospital employee is urged to sign up for the Wellness Center's health promotion/risk reduction programs. Remember, the first nine months of the Center's operation will be open only to those 150 employees chosen at random-- as well as their significant other (i.e., a good buddy, roommate, special male/female friend, spouse, or other relative).

The Wellness Center activities will encompass the areas of stress management, weight reduction, physical fitness, smoking cessation, nutrition education and demonstrations, hypertension detection and control. Exercise testing, aerobic dance, yoga, cooking demonstrations (and tasting), assertiveness training, and ways to quit smoking will be part of the program, plus much, much more!

So jog your mind, help your heart, and refresh your spirit. You only have two weeks remaining to register for all that the Wellness Center has to offer. Sign-up sheets are located in each department and nursing unit. If you have any questions or comments, give us a call at the Wellness Center, 3184, or stop by the Wellness House. We're open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Once classes begin in September, we will also be open during the evening.



Molly Sebastian, R.N., and Karen Willey, R.N., have been appointed Administrative Charge Nurses, Critical Care, 11:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M. shift. Molly has been a staff nurse on ACU since November, 1976, and began at the Center in September, 1974. She received her R.N. from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Reading.

Karen has been an ICU Staff Nurse since October, 1977. She has been at A&SHHC since September, 1977, and is a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Bethlehem.



Karen Willey, Molly Sebastian



Donna Hedach

Donna Hedash, R.N., has been appointed Administrative Charge Nurse, ACU/SCU. She has been ICU Charge Nurse since January, 1977, and has been at the Center since September, 1974. Donna is a graduate of the Allentown Hospital School of Nursing.

Sandi Colon, Business Office Supervisor since February, 1979, has been promoted to Business Office Manager.

As manager, Sandi will be in charge of all managerial aspects of the department, including coordination of all billing procedures with insurance carriers, and development of in and outpatient billing and "on line" registration with the Computer Center.

Sandi, who replaces Ed Robinson, began at the Center in April, 1977, in Credit and Collection. Prior to her service here, she taught Special Education in the Baltimore area.

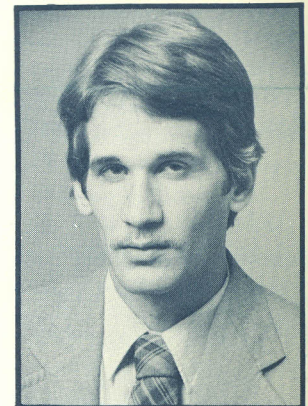


Sandi Colon

Jack Dembowski has joined the Housekeeping supervisory staff as evening shift supervisor. Before coming to A&SHHC, Jack worked for Penn Jersey Auto Stores, Inc., and attended Penn State University.

Harry W. Stephens, Jr., M.D., staff neurosurgeon, has been added to the masthead of the "Journal of Microsurgery" as a Reviewing Editor. Dr. Stephens' literary talents have also been used for a number of years as a contributing editor and author of the "Interns and Residents Journal."

Theodore Matulewicz, M.D., Hospital Center pathologist, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Hospital Central Services, Inc. Hospital Central Services provides cooperative and consolidated services to 70 hospitals in credit and collections, group purchasing, biomedical services, blood distribution, laundry, and microfilming.



Jack Dembowski

Ralph Schappell, Patient Representative Volunteer, has been appointed to fill a vacancy as a consumer representative on the Lehigh County Sub-Area Council (SAC) of the Health Systems Council of Eastern Pennsylvania.

The SAC makes recommendations on large capital projects and changes bed and services for area hospitals and health care organizations.

Terry Edwards, laboratory clerk since April, 1980, will be leaving the lab this month to enter Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Terry has a B.S. in Chemistry from Muhlenberg College, and is a certified E.M.T. with the Cetronia Ambulance Corps.

Jeff Kremem, M.D., the Hospital Center's and Allentown Hospital's Vascular Fellow 1977-1978, was accepted into the International Cardiovascular Society, Chicago, Illinois, recently. This marks the second time that a Fellow, trained in the Allentown Hospitals, has been accepted by the Society. A physician's qualifications, bibliography, as well as surgical work, plus American College of Surgeons requirements, are all taken into consideration for membership.

Reception changes dinner and coffeebreak

A reception for new members of attending and housestaffs, 1979 and 1980, will be held on Friday, August 22, 1980, at 7:30 P.M., in the Hospital Center Dining Room.

Dinner will not be served after 6:00 P.M., and the cafeteria will close at 6:30 P.M. However, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, and donuts will be available in the Board Room from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.



Movie tickets

Recently, the Lehigh Valley Cinema added 2 additional theaters to their facility, giving movie goers a choice of 5 movies to pick from.

V.I.P. tickets for the movies are still available at a cost of \$2.40 each. These tickets may be used for any show at any time, and may be purchased in the Public Relations Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Bowling

Sign-ups are underway for the 4th season of the A&SHHC Mixed Bowling League. The first night of action will be Sunday, September 7, at 6:00 P.M. A league meeting will be held at this time.

The league is limited to 10 teams of 5 bowlers. If interested, complete the coupon below, and return it to Steve Berman, Histology (2139) by Tuesday, September 2, 1980.

Name _____
 Department _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Regular _____ Substitute _____

Rollerskating party

On Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M., the A&SHHC Recreation Committee will sponsor a rollerskating party at Route 100 Skating Rink in Macungie.

Tickets are available in the Public Relations Office for \$1.25 each. If you don't have your own skates, skate rentals are available for 75¢ at the rink.

Pizza sale

The Recreation Committee will have a Pizza Sale on Saturday, September 13. Unbaked, ready-make 12" cheese pizzas can be ordered from any Recreation Committee member or by calling Public Relations at 3084, by Wednesday, September 3, 1980. Price is \$2.50 per pizza.

Anyone ordering pizzas should pick up their order in Classroom I and II between 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M., on Saturday, September 13. Pizzas must be paid for when they are ordered.

Softball game

On Sunday, August 24, the A&SHHC Ladies will take to the ball field at the front of the Hospital Center for an intra-hospital contest, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

Following their game, the A&SHHC Men's Softball Team will play another thriller against the A&SHHC Medical Staff. Game time will be 3:30 P.M. Beverages will be available!

Diabetes inservice

The Medical Personnel Pool will sponsor a Diabetes Update on Tuesday, August 26, in the Ambassador Restaurant, 1251 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., 7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Jane Haberman, a diabetes nurse specialist and an instructor in Cedar Crest College's B.S.N. program.

For registration information, call 434-7277.

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