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HFH IN THE NEWS

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Ready 7 Exhibits for AMA Meet



SHOWN HERE is one of seven exhibits being readied by Henry Ford Hospital for presentation at the annual convention of the American Medical Association next June 16-20 in San Francisco.

Titled "Abdominal Aortic Aneurysmectomy — What Can It Accomplish?," it is authored by Roger F. Smith, M.D.; Joseph P. Elliott, M.D.; D. Emerick Szilagyi, M.D., and Frederick Sherrin, M.D.

Like all the exhibits, it is a visual presentation of research and clinical experience of the Hospital and is entirely hospital produced, using many skilled artisans in the preparation. Construction is under the supervision of Robert H. Mohr, director of photography and medical arts, working with hospital doctors.

Other titles to be shown in San Francisco include:

"Gastrocamera Photography—Correlation with Radiologically Demonstrated Gastric Lesions" by Bernard M. Schuman, M.D.; Robert S. Ormond, M.D.; Saul Rosenblum, M.D., and Robert J. Priest, M.D.

"Cerebral Gigantism" by Andrew Poznanski, M.D.; R. C. Mellinger, M.D.; Gordon Manson, M.D., and John Stephenson, M.D.

"Familial Medullary Carcinoma of the Thyroid" by Melvin Block, M.D., and J. Martin Miller, M.D.

"Crystal Dynamics in Gout and Pseudogout" by Gilbert Bluhm, M.D., and Jean Riddle, Ph.D.

"Diagnostic Immunology" by Gerald Lo-Grippe, M.D.; Hajime Hayashi, Ph.D.; Thomas Fox, M.D., and Melvin Block, M.D.

"Trocar Suprapubic Cystostomy" by C. Paul Hodgkinson, M.D., and Alberto Hodari, M.D.

Alumni Party in Boston

Henry Ford Hospital alumni attending the annual meeting of the American College of Physicians in Boston are invited to a "Dutch Treat" cocktail party at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the Boston Sheraton Hotel. Hosts on behalf of the alumni association will be Dr. J. W. Sigler, association secretary, and Dr. Richmond W. Smith, chairman of the Department of Medicine.

FIRST KIDNEY TRANSPLANT FOR HFH'S OTU UNIT

The first human renal allotransplantation at HFH was done last January 4, with an 18-year-old college student receiving a donor kidney from her mother. Now convalescing at home, the young lady expects to enter the University of Detroit next fall. Her mother has returned to work.

A second such operation was done in late February and still other kidney transplants are scheduled by HFH's recently opened Organ Transplant Unit.

There is renewed activity also in experimental allotransplantation of hearts in laboratory animals by the Division of Thoracic Surgery. The Laboratory conducted several such experiments some five years ago.

Principals in the Operating Room procedure for the first allotransplantation were Drs. D. Emerick Szilagyi, Roger F. Smith, Joseph P. Elliott, A. Waite Bohne, Alejandro Gonzalez, Frederick W. Sherrin and John H. Hageman, all of the Department of Surgery.

Organ transplantation also involves many other divisions of the Hospital, representing various disciplines. With coordination by Dr. D. A. LeSher, physician in charge of the Organ Transplant Unit, the selection, preparation and pre-operative and post-operative care of patients requires participation by Allergy, the Blood Bank, Infectious Diseases, the Department of Nursing, various Medical Clinics, Urology, Virology, Vascular Surgery, Pathology, Administration and others "behind the scenes".

CARDIAC ARREST CARTS NOW IN GENERAL USE

Conveniently placed for use throughout the Hospital in case of cardiac arrest are 13 additional emergency resuscitation carts. The nine drawer rolling carts are fully equipped to counteract cardiac arrest without delay.

The HFH resuscitation carts are ordinary shop tool carts which have been especially modified by Hospital personnel. They are filled with more than 190 different items useful in restoring cardiac activity.

Now being used about 20 times a week, each cart is checked at the beginning of each nursing shift to be certain that every item is ready for emergency.

Prior to the new installations, two other carts had been successfully tested in the Coronary Care Unit on F-5 and on I-1.

Death Claims Dr. Elmer Whitney

Memorialized in the Whitney Room located on the 10th floor of the Clinic Building, and fondly remembered by staff members, Dr. Elmer Whitney died last December 29 at the age of 81. One of the



first doctors at HFH, he devoted his entire 46-year career to the Hospital until his retirement in 1965.

When the main buildings were opened to the public in 1919, he was a surgical resident in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department. He was made chairman of that department in 1928, and in 1935 became chairman of the newly-created Department of Ophthalmology. He was named a consultant in 1954.

He was a graduate of the University of Kansas Medical School and interned at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. He was a member of many professional organizations, among them the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, American College of Surgeons, American Association of Ophthalmology, Detroit Surgical Society, Detroit Ophthalmology Club, and was a founding member of the Detroit Ophthalmology Society. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and the American Board of Otolaryngology. He was also a member of the American Medical Association, Michigan Medical Society, Wayne County Medical Society and the Kansas University Medical Alumni Association.

INFORMATION WANTED

The Publications Office has received a request for any information, especially papers, documenting survival of patients following prolonged coma. William H. Sweet, M.D., chief of Neurosurgical Service and chairman of the Committee on Management of the Unconscious Patient, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, writes that the hospital is researching records and literature to determine pertinent features in all patients who, despite coma for more than five weeks, have made a useful recovery. Of particular interest are well-documented cases either published or not yet reported. A publication is planned on the subject.

LABORATORIES ADD AUTOMATION UNIT

The Department of Laboratories has moved a step closer to complete automation with the installation of an AutoAnalyzer in the In-patient Hematology Lab on the sixth floor of the Clinic Building. It is a "first" for this Lab although six AutoAnalyzers have been in use in the Chemistry Lab for some time. There they are used for glucose, cholesterol, creatinine, phosphatase, sugar, urea, CO₂ and inorganic phosphate determinations.

The AutoAnalyzer is actually a conglomeration of machines, terminating in a single reporting unit. Test results are furnished in concentration terms on pre-calibrated chart paper, eliminating tedious calculations and possible clerical errors. The Hematology AutoAnalyzer is capable of simultaneous determination of RBC, WBC, hemoglobin, hematocrit, mean corpuscular volume, mean corpuscular hemoglobin, and mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration, all in a matter of little more than a minute with a reproducibility of $\pm 2\%$.

Plans are being readied for complete remodeling of the Hematology Lab in the next few months, permitting more efficient use of the machine and providing more working area.

HFH is reportedly the only hospital in the state using a Coulter Counter in the Lab exclusively for platelet counts. This instrument provides an accuracy comparable to 26 hand counts on the same specimen.

Also, in the past year, the HFH Blood Bank has been completely remodeled with expansion of facilities. The walk-in storage area is the largest in Michigan and is capable of holding 3,000 units of blood, plus plasma and other blood components.

Dr. Watson Receives Canadian Award

A medal awarded "in recognition of valuable service to the Nation" was presented to John H. L. Watson, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Physics and Biophysics, Edsel B. Ford Institute for Medical Research.

The Canadian Centennial Medal, struck for the Country's 100th anniversary, was presented to Dr. Watson and 19 other Windsor residents.

Dr. Watson is the founder and producer-director of the Windsor Light Opera Association which participated in many centennial functions.

Dr. Richardson Dies

Associate physician in Medical Clinic 2, Dr. Lucille Richardson died last February 29 in Ford Hospital after a long illness. She was buried in Columbus, Ohio, on March 5. Dr. Richardson served a residency at HFH from 1959 to 1961, and then returned to the Hospital in 1962 as a full time staff physician. A cum laude graduate of Ohio State University College of Medicine, she was 51 years old.

JOURNAL on Microfilm

Through arrangements made with the Hospital, microfilms of all back issues of the HENRY FORD HOSPITAL MEDICAL JOURNAL and its predecessor, the HFH BULLETIN, will soon be available from University Microfilms, Inc., 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106.

Individual copies of most issues are still available from the Publications Office, Rm. A-569 W, Henry Ford Hospital, upon request. Reprints of articles are distributed by the Medical Library, K-17.

University microfilms will produce Xerox copies of single pages or entire issues of the JOURNAL. The microfilms fit all standard 35 mm projectors.

MOVING TIME

HFH's General Services Building is nearing final completion with several departments moving into the structure during February.

Now occupying their new quarters are General Stores, the Print Shop, Purchasing, and the Main Kitchen. Awaiting installation are the Brown-Bovari betatron and other radiation therapy facilities.

Nine parking levels are currently accommodating some 1,000 patients' and visitors' cars during the average day.

Dr. I. J. Schatz, former associate physician in the section of Cardiovascular Disease, has assumed a new position at Wayne State University in Detroit as Director of Regional Programs under a grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

The program's aim is to study heart stroke cancer and related diseases to develop methods of lessening mortality rates from these diseases. Recognizing the necessity of associating medical schools in the state with the needs of the community, the program works with existing agencies and programs in the Detroit area in reaching those persons most in need of help.

Dr. Schatz also holds the title of Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Wayne State University. In this position he will be concerned with the University's program of Continuing Medical Education.

Former Resident is Bronze Star Medal Winner

The Bronze Star Medal, the Army Medical Corps' highest non-combat citation, has been awarded to Dr. Lee Jewell for distinguished medical achievements in Vietnam during the past year.

Honored for his achievement in treating disease, Dr. Jewell served as an internal medicine specialist at Long Bien, a military post about 20 miles north of Saigon. He was involved with treatment of disorders rare in the experience of an HFH physician, such as malaria, scrub typhus and even plague, an epidemic of which occurred in a village near Cam Rhan Bay. Dr. Jewell was involved in the control of this epidemic.

His citation read in part:

... "Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he consistently obtained outstanding results. He was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever changing situations inherent in a counterinsurgency operation and to find ways and means to solve those problems."

Former resident at HFH, Dr. Jewell is now stationed at William Beaumont Hospi-

tal, Texas, and plans to enter private practice following his Army discharge next May 30. While on leave in Michigan, he was the subject of a lengthy interview in his hometown paper, where he expressed the view that U.S. efforts in Vietnam are not only essential, but successful.

Vietnam Volunteer

Another HFH alumnus, Dr. Edward S. Bear, fellow in Cardiology for two years, has recently returned from Vietnam where he was involved in the AMA project, "Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam".

Dr. Bear, who is now working toward a Ph.D. in Pharmacology at Columbia University, served in Danang from July 10 to Sept. 1, 1967.

One of nine Michigan doctors commended by the Michigan State Medical Society for their volunteer services, Dr. Bear told the society: "... it was a valuable experience, medically and personally. You don't see psychosomatic problems, only the very sick get to see a doctor. I saw disease there which I never see here."

PERSONAL NOTES

Dr. Brock E. Brush, chief of General Surgery Division One, and **Dr. James T. Howell**, executive director, have been elected officers of the United Health Organization, a new United Foundation agency. Dr. Brush is vice-president and Dr. Howell was elected to the Board of Trustees. The UHO seeks to "form a partnership among both public and private health agencies in Southeastern Michigan and will concern itself with all matters relating to health facilities, manpower, services and budgeting", according to Dr. Brush.

Dr. Brush was also recently elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Dr. Clarence Livingood, chief of the Department of Dermatology, was recently notified of his election to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians.

Also elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians was **Dr. Bruce Steinhauer**, of the First Medical Division.

Dr. P. Walkovich, formerly associate physician, General Surgery Division IV, has entered private practice in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Bruce L. Huntwork reports from Meshed, Iran, that he has recently passed Part I of the American Board of Surgery examination.

Dr. Rodman E. Taber, associate surgeon, Division of Thoracic Surgery, served on the HOPE ship in Cartagena, Colombia, from October 15-December 8 last year.

Dr. Remigo Garcia, Division of Cardiology, was elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians and the American College of Cardiology.

Fellowship in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists was awarded to **Dr. Bruce H. Drukker**, of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Dr. Ralph Parks of the Pulmonary Division has been notified of his election as Associate in the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Thomas N. James, chairman of the Section of Cardiovascular Research, has been elected to the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Cardiology.

Mailing of the Henry Ford Hospital Medical Journal outside the United States and Canada is being discontinued with this issue. Efforts will be made, however, to continue serving HFH alumni in foreign countries through medical center libraries.