HFH In The News
HFH PRODUCES MOVIE FOR THORACIC SURGEONS

A new motion picture film on Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment of Subaortic Stenosis is being completed at Henry Ford for review in April by the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Rodman E. Taber of the Division of Thoracic Surgery is author of the film, with art and photographic work under the direction of Robert H. Mohr and John Kroll, HFH Photography and Medical Art department. There is a short narrative sequence on EKG aspects of subaortic stenosis by Dr. Edward Green, formerly of the division of Pediatric Cardiology, and a series of operating room scenes showing two methods for dealing with the condition, one of which (transventricular resection of obstructing subaortic tissue) was developed here. A simplified animation technique is used to demonstrate findings in left heart catheterization.

The film demonstrates the important clinical and diagnostic features found in patients with both the hypertrophic muscular and fibrous form of subaortic stenosis, the indications for operation, and follow-up studies and evaluation. The 20-minute movie is intended as an instructional film for thoracic surgeons, cardiologists, residents and general practitioners. Distribution will probably be through the College of Surgeons and Henry Ford Hospital.

Resident Seminar Set for May 17

The HFH House Staff Association will sponsor a Resident Education Seminar on Saturday, May 17, in the Buerki Auditorium. Dr. Vernon Knight and Dr. Lawrence Brettschneider are the featured speakers for the program. Dr. Knight is Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Microbiology at Baylor University College of Medicine. Dr. Brettschneider is Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado.

The all day program will also feature presentation of papers by resident and professional staff members, panel discussions, case presentations and medical exhibits.

All members of the House Staff, professional staff, physicians from other area hospitals, and HFH alumni are invited to attend.
Organ Transplant Report

A 33-year-old father of five children, who had been undergoing hemodialysis for four and one-half years, is the first HFH transplant candidate to receive a cadaver kidney. The surgery was performed in late February, using the organ of a 45-year-old woman. The recipient is tolerating the transplant and is reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

A followup report of HFH's first kidney allotransplantation reveals that both the recipient and donor are enjoying good health some 14 months afterwards. The 19-year-old college freshman and her mother are maintaining full schedules of study and secretarial work, respectively, in addition to active sports and social lives.

Another recipient, a 32-year-old man, is also making good progress. His donor was his older brother. One patient, a 42-year-old woman, who received the kidney of her 26-year-old son, died 45 days after the surgical allotransplantation.

HFH's Organ Transplant Unit is currently maintaining six candidates for transplantation on the unit's artificial kidney system.

The hospital recently added an Organ Preservation System, actually a cooled hyperbaric chamber, to the Operating Room. This highly portable machine is able to maintain an organ removed from a donor for up to 12 hours before transplantation into another patient.

The chamber cools the organ to 4°-7° C in the table-size machine and perfuses it with cooled oxygenated plasma. Increased pressure within the chamber extends organ survival, providing more time for the surgical team to complete the transplant.

New Accounting Systems To Improve Operation

New systems of cost accounting and management reporting are being put into effect at the hospital as the result of a lengthy study by the accounting and consulting firm of Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart. Completion of the program is projected for the end of 1969.

Under the direction of Henry Scott, HFH's new controller, a revised chart of accounts has been developed with all cost and revenue centers of the hospital complex and all monetary transactions identified with a code number.

To facilitate reporting, the outpatient clinics have been equipped with new machines which instantly produce five-copy service memorandum records. The copies include patient receipts, doctor's records and punched cards ready for electronic data processing. Eventually, the inpatient floors will also be equipped with the machines.

Such material and other records fed into the computer will make possible the production of monthly and year-to-date reports useful to the future planning and overall management of the hospital. Correct and complete information is also essential for the growing number of "third parties" involved in patient billing (Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Medicaid and others).

Drs. Fine and Lam In New Heart Book

Two HFH staff members are represented among the authors contributing to a comprehensive new publication, the third edition of *Pathology of the Heart and Blood Vessels*, just published by Charles C. Thomas company of Springfield, Ill.

Dr. Gerald Fine, of the Department of Pathology, contributed Chapter 19, *Neoplasms of the Pericardium and Heart*; and Dr. Conrad R. Lam, of the Division of Thoracic Surgery, authored Chapter 26, *Surgery of the Heart*.

Thirty-four authorities pooled their knowledge in this comprehensive presentation of all phases of cardiovascular pathology which has been hailed as "the most complete and authoritative work on the subject in the English language" (British Medical Journal).

John W. Rebuck, M.D., Ph.D., chief of the hematology laboratory, Department of Pathology, was one of two invited guest speakers at a symposium of the American College of Cardiology in New York City February 27. The other guest speaker was Dr. Denton Cooley, professor of surgery at Baylor University College of Medicine.

Dr. Rebuck presented the experience of Henry Ford Hospital's medical and surgical staff in monitoring of immunosuppression. This work, which began with skin window monitoring of the suppression of leucocytic defenses of the steroids, progressed to the problems of immunoparalysis in Hodgkin's disease and agammaglobulinemia, the study of miniature homograft rejection in man and, finally, the monitoring of renal transplants.

Dr. Rebuck is a member of the visiting faculty for the March 24-28 course sponsored by the American College of Physicians in Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject of the course is *Modern Pathology for Internists*. Dr. Rebuck will discuss the functions of lymphoid cells in disease states and the differential diagnosis of lymphomas.

Dr. Lester Weiss, Department of Pediatrics, has received a $1,000 research award for his work in genetic defects of children from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, a project of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.
Demand for HFH's recently-published catalog of graduate medical education has resulted in a second printing of the 44-page booklet which describes internships and residencies at the hospital. Copies are being made available to medical schools and to graduate physicians who are interested in applying for the programs offered. Candidates seeking information about residencies may communicate with department chairmen while inquiries from prospective interns should be directed to William S. Haubrich, M.D., chairman of the Intern Committee.

Continued increases in the use of oxygen has led to installation of a new and larger liquid oxygen storage tank on the hospital grounds. From the 310,000 cu. ft. sphere, which is backed up by a standby system of 30 portable cylinders, oxygen travels underground to in-the-wall units throughout the hospital. The -297.35 F liquid is converted to a gaseous state as it moves through vaporized pipes. The new oxygen sphere is located along Byron by the tennis courts.

Single registered nurses working at Henry Ford Hospital now have access to housing in the Lafayette Towers, a modern high-rise apartment complex close to downtown Detroit. Through an arrangement between the hospital and the management of the Towers, interested nurses can obtain a fully-furnished apartment at the unfurnished monthly rental rates. Interior decorating was designed by the J. L. Hudson Company in several styles. The housing program was devised to attract and retain high caliber nursing personnel by offering reasonable housing opportunities in a desirable area of the city.

Cecil G. Puterbaugh, an employee of the hospital for 41 years, was honored at a retirement party last December. He started work at HFH in 1927 as chief clerk in the Accounting Department, and since June 1947 had served as comptroller, assistant comptroller and consultant.

Valet parking service is now being provided for patients who request it at the north entrance of the clinic building. An attendant will park the car in the garage and deliver it for a $1 service charge.

Dr. Edward Green has accepted a position as Director of Cardiology at Children's Hospital in Detroit. He had been on the HFH professional staff in the Department of Pediatric Cardiology for many years.

Dr. A. Alberto Hodari is now Director of Medical Education and Research at the Crittenton Hospital in Detroit. A former member of the permanent staff in Obstetrics and Gynecology, he had spent several years at HFH as a resident.

Dr. Charles G. Mendelson, formerly of the Department of Dermatology, has accepted a position as assistant medical director of Syntex Laboratories in Palo Alto, California.

Recent staff appointments include Dr. Dorothy A. Porter, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Dr. Stanley Dienst, General Surgery Division II; and Chester T. Coccia, D.D.S., Dentistry and Oral Surgery. Nelson S. Keeler, M.D., has joined the staff as a Lab Research Fellow and Norberto Portugal, M.D., has returned to HFH as a Fellow in Hematology.

Dr. Porter returned to HFH after serving as a missionary doctor in Iran for the past seven years. Dr. Dienst comes to HFH from Portland, Maine, where he was in private practice. Dr. Coccia was in private practice in Detroit prior to coming to the hospital.

Dr. R. L. Fox Dies

Word has been received of the death last September, 1968, of Richard L. Fox, M.D., who served his internship and residency at Henry Ford Hospital from 1958-1962. Dr. Fox was killed in an automobile accident in Traverse City where he had been in private practice. He was also on the medical staff of Munson Medical Center there, as a specialist in oncology and cancer chemotherapy. He had visited HFH a year ago at the time of a Michigan Oncology Society meeting in Buerki auditorium.

Dr. Arthur W. Strom, who was an intern and resident at HFH from 1932-35, is currently president of the Michigan Society of Internal Medicine. He has been in private practice in Hillsdale, Mich., since 1935, except for three years in the U. S. Navy during World War II.
Medical Board
Names Officers

New officers for 1969 have been elected by the Henry Ford Hospital Medical Board. They include: Robert Arnstein, M.D., Medical Division #5, chairman; Cornelius E. McCole, M.D., Ophthalmology, vice-chairman; and James C. Lowe III, M.D., Medical Division 1, secretary. Dr. Roger C. Smith, of the Second Surgical Division, is the Advisory Board representative from the Department of Surgery, and Dr. Robert W. Talley, Oncology Division, is the representative from the Department of Medicine.

The Medical Board, which is comprised of five physicians from the Department of Medicine, five from the Department of Surgery, and one physician from each of the other specialty divisions, considers professional problems of the hospital and recommends policy to the Advisory Board.

Animal Laboratories
Are Remodeled

Remodeling in the old HFH service building is transforming one-half of the first floor into one of the best-equipped canine surgical areas in the state. William H. Konde, D.V.M., consulting veterinarian, supervises the $200,000 facility which will be able to accommodate 105 dogs as well as small laboratory animals.

The new animal research area will include four operating rooms complete with vacuum, flushing drain, air, oxygen, and conduction floors and three office-laboratories equipped with gas, air, vacuum, lab sink, desk and bookcases. Two two-table operating rooms will be used primarily for transplant research. The new area will have facilities for instrument wash, a separate reception area for dogs and a quarantine area. New fiberglass and aluminum cages and a large outdoor dog exercise area will add to the excellence of the new unit.

Located above the surgical area will be quarters for animals used in infectious diseases research. Special air vents and plastic drains will prevent contamination of other areas.

The planning provides separate rooms for each small animal research project with individual wash areas and autoclaves.

The new facility includes diagnostic x-ray and dark room equipment to be used for animal research as well as training in roentgenology.

HFH Reception at Meeting

The HFH Medical Association is holding a reception (Dutch treat) for all HFH alumni at the 50th Annual Session of the American College of Physicians' meeting in Chicago. It will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in Parlor 413 of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Co-hosts will be Drs. John W. Sigler and Richmond W. Smith. A large number of alumni and staff members attended the reception last year, and an even more successful event is anticipated in Chicago.

Area Urologists Meet at HFH

Henry Ford Hospital was host to 60 members of the Detroit Branch of the American Urological Association, Inc., January 22 from noon to 9 p.m. The program included case presentations and scientific papers prepared by HFH staff members. A highlight of the meeting was a walking tour of the Organ Transplant Unit with a "Coke break" featuring the special low-protein cookies which are served to patients undergoing dialysis.

Following the late-afternoon business meeting, there was a cocktail hour at the nearby Howard Johnson restaurant, followed by dinner in the K-17 dining rooms.

Taking part in the program were Drs. John Hasley, Dean LeSher, Philip Damstra, Edward Steinhardt, Roger F. Smith, Raymond Mellinger, Lester Weiss, William G. Tucker, and Stewart Reuter. Dr. Arthur J. Johnson organized and was chairman of the program. A special guest, shown here with Dr. Johnson, was Dr. John K. Ormond, now retired from the hospital. Dr. Ormond devoted 45 years to HFH and was first surgeon-in-charge of the Division of Urology.