U-M, HFH Course is May 19-20

"Therapy of Infectious Diseases" is the title of the postgraduate course to be cosponsored by the University of Michigan School of Medicine and Henry Ford Hospital on May 19 and 20 at HFH. Co-chairmen of the course are E. L. Quinn, M.D., chief of the Infectious Diseases division at HFH, and Robert Fekety, M.D., professor of medicine and chairman of the division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Michigan.

Subjects to be covered include respiratory infections, gram-negative infections, antibacterial therapy, bacterial infections in hospital patients, antimicrobial therapy, and the treatment and prevention of viral diseases.

Henry Ford Hospital staff participating in the course are: Drs. E. L. Quinn, Frank Cox, Jr., Evelyn Fisher, Donald Romig, C. Paul Hodgkinson, Melvin Block, Osborne Coates, Robert High, Paul Kvale and Hernan Alvarez.

The course is open to all staff, residents, interns, alumni and all interested physicians and surgeons of Detroit and Michigan.

Resident Seminar Features Diabetes

Resident Education Seminar III is planned for Saturday, May 8, at HFH and will feature the presentation of scientific papers by interns and residents from HFH and other area hospitals.

The emphasis this year will be on diabetes, specifically the sick juvenile diabetic. With the increasing incidence of diabetes in the U.S. in all age levels, the topics of the guest speakers are of current clinical interest.

Richard C. Lillehei, M.D., professor of surgery at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, will speak on "Pancreatic Transplantation," and Roger H. Unger, M.D., professor of medicine at the University of Texas Medical School will speak on "Glucagon Physiology."

Awards will be presented for the best medical and surgical papers. The Roy D. McClure Surgical Award will be presented for the best surgical paper and the newly-established William Lyon Lowrie Award of Medical Science will go to the best medical paper. Both awards include a $200 honorarium.

Program chairmen are Edward L. Humpert, M.D., resident in surgery, and Celso E. Gomez-Sanchez, M.D., medical resident. The HFH House Staff Association Education Committee is sponsoring the event. Susan Adelman, M.D., is current president of the Association.

Seminar Planned on "Death and Dying"

A unique seminar on the subject of "Death and the Inexorably Dying" will be held at Henry Ford Hospital on April 27 at the 8 a.m. Medical Grand Rounds in Buerki Auditorium and again on May 1 at the 7:30 a.m. General Surgery meeting.

Seminar moderator will be Stuart Kingma, M.D., of the Department of General Surgery. Panel participants will be Robert O'Bryan, M.D., of the Division of Oncology; Hans von Brauchitsch, M.D., of the Department of Psychiatry; Mr. Ron Koenig of the Wayne State University Center for the Study of Death, Dying and Lethal Behavior; and Fr. Robert Wollard, Episcopal chaplain at Henry Ford Hospital.

The purpose of the seminar is to discuss a subject which receives little formal attention, but which touches everyone in the medical field on a daily basis.

Reception at AMA

All former staff and alumni are invited to the annual reception planned in connection with the AMA convention at Atlantic City June 20-24. Time and place will be posted on the bulletin boards and in the daily publications.
Luther E. Preuss, left, of the Physics and Biophysics Department of E.B.F.I. presented an award to Prof. Erwin Mailer for scientific excellence at the National Symposium of the American Vacuum Society in Washington, D.C. in January. Mr. Preuss is past-president of the American Vacuum Society and president-elect of the International Union of Vacuum Science Societies. He is presently chairman of the Scientific Awards Committee of the American society.

Nursing Department
Reorganization Planned

Plans are now being developed for a major reorganization of the Department of Nursing, proposed by Stanley R. Nelson, Executive Director. HFH's 1,100-bed hospital will be broken down into several smaller hospitals of no more than 250 beds each.

These hospitals will be established along clinical lines, with each one supervised by a doctor, a director of nursing, and an administrator, according to preliminary plans. Each hospital will be autonomous, although many policies and systems will be similar. The directors of nursing will have full administrative responsibility for the operation of their units.

The primary objective of each hospital will be to develop a professional atmosphere and an efficient, well-managed environment so that HFH's excellent medical care will be matched by excellent nursing care, Mr. Nelson has stated.

$160,000 Grant for Genetics

A four-year $160,000 research grant has been awarded to Henry Ford Hospital by the National Institutes of Health for genetic studies in the Michigan-Indiana-Ohio area. Dr. Charles E. Jackson is the principal investigator on the project. Coinvestigators are Dr. Boy Frame and Dr. Lester Weiss. Studies will be done within populations in the tri-state area with such genetic disorders as hyperparathyroidism, medullary carcinoma of the thyroid, recurrent polyserositis and hemoglobinopathies. The project will also involve continued work among the Amish people of northern Indiana and Michigan. Dr. Jackson, who joined the HFH staff last year, has had published many papers on the subject of genetic disorders in the Midwest.
Several HFH staff members have been named committee chairmen by the Michigan State Medical Society. Dr. Brock E. Brush is chairman of the Education Liaison committee; Dr. Alexander P. Kelly is chairman of the section of Plastic Surgery, and Dr. Conrad R. Lam is head of the Thoracic Surgery section. HFH alumnus Dr. Leonard L. DiLella was named chairman of the section on Allergy and Applied Immunology.

Dr. Harold M. Frost, chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, was a visiting lecturer for an anthropology course on Craniofacial Growth and Development in February at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics. He spoke on “Laws of Bone Structure and the Functional Response.”

Dr. Frost also lectured on “Biomechanical Responses of Cartilage and Bone Growth” to faculty and students at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in January. He discussed cell biology there in early April.

Dr. Oscar A. Carretero and Dr. John W. Rebuck presented scientific papers at the meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology March 19 at McCormick Place in Chicago. Dr. Rebuck’s presentation was titled “Test Lymphocytic Responses as a Monitor for Organ Transplants in Man.” From the Hypertension Research Lab, Dr. Carretero presented a paper titled “Effect of Antibodies against Angiotensin II on the Blood Pressure of Rats with Severe Experimental Hypertension.”

To help the American Board of Internal Medicine evaluate its examination system, some two dozen medical residents at HFH participated in a special written examination last Jan. 12 and 13, along with similar tests being held in selected teaching hospitals around the country. Dr. E. J. Van Slyck was chief proctor and Dr. J. P. Olson, assistant.

Dr. John W. Rebuck served as medical consultant to Gorgas General Hospital in Canal Zone while on a February vacation in Panama. He conducted workshops on lymph node cytology, diseases of platelets and the human skin window. He was also a featured speaker before the Isthmian Medical Society which has a combined membership with the Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone; and he met with the Middle America Research Unit of the NIH which is engaged in study of an epidemic of acute hemorrhagic fever in Bolivia and Northern Argentina.

Daniel Button, executive director, the Arthritis Foundation headquarters, New York, inspects an arthritic arm brace in the arthritis clinic. Rheumatology Division chief John W. Sigler, M.D., (right) volunteers as Howard Duncan, M.D. (at left) and G. D. Langejans, M.D., look on. The visit here also included a morning conference at the Michigan Arthritis Foundation’s Lathrup Village headquarters and tour of arthritis facilities at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

Conrad R. Lam, M.D., consultant in the Department of Surgery, was the featured guest speaker at a medical seminar at the Saint Elizabeth Community Health Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 14. The topic of his speech was “Some Thoracic, Surgical and Diagnostic Problems.” The program was part of a joint surgery residency program of the VA Hospital there and the Health Center. Until his retirement to consultant status last year, Dr. Lam was chief of the Division of Thoracic Surgery.

Daniel D. Hurst, 79, an HFH psychiatrist until his retirement in 1956 after 31 years of service, died March 25 in his home in Pleasant Ridge, Mich. Dr. Hurst started at HFH in 1925 in what was then the Department of Neuropsychiatry. He was a graduate of the Univ. of Toronto Faculty of Medicine and a member of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. James D. O’Neill, former Pediatrics resident, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the medical staff at Pontiac General Hospital.
Among those attending the retirement luncheon party for Dr. Fallis on March 12 were Drs. Thomas A. Fox, Conrad R. Lam, Dr. Fallis, D. Emerick Szilagyi and Joseph L. Ponka. Dr. Szilagyi is chairman of the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Fallis Retires

Laurence S. Fallis, M.D., retired March 13 from the consultant staff, Department of Surgery, after 46 years' service to Henry Ford Hospital. He was HFH's second surgeon-in-chief, succeeding the late Roy D. McClure, M.D., who had appointed him a resident in 1925. During his distinguished career he also served as surgeon for the Ford Motor Company expedition to its Amazon River rubber plantation.

Born in Canada and educated there and in Great Britain, he is a graduate of Queens Univ. (Kingston, Ont.); Edinburgh Univ. (Scotland); and St. Bartholomew's Hospital (London, Eng.) He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Surgical Association, the Central Surgical Association, the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract and the International Society of Surgery.

Dr. Fallis' current plans include spending a month at his Pompano Beach, Florida, home, followed by six weeks in Europe. He plans to spend the summer at his cottage in Canada.

William Lyon Lowrie, M.D., Dies Unexpectedly

William Lyon Lowrie was born October, 1896, and died at home on January 30, 1971. Dr. Lowrie took his preparatory work at Princeton University, graduating in 1917. He then went to the University of Pennsylvania where he received the M.D. degree in 1921. He spent one year at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., before coming to Henry Ford Hospital in 1922. After his residency training at this hospital, Dr. Lowrie joined the Division of Metabolic Diseases. He succeeded Dr. Daniel Foster as physician-in-charge of that division in 1946, and was appointed to the consultant staff in 1963.

As senior consultant he continued to care for the full complement of his patients. Even on the day of his death he was getting ready to come to the hospital to keep his morning appointments. Dr. Lowrie was never too busy to listen to people, to help them with almost any problem.

In his medical career the care of diabetes mellitus was of the greatest importance. His insistence on conservative treatment of diabetic foot complications saved extremities for many patients. An award-winning exhibit on this problem was presented to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Lowrie was a life member of the American College of Physicians, a member of the American Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Society, Wayne County Medical Society, American Diabetes Association, and Michigan Diabetes Association. A long time member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Diabetes Association, he was president from 1962-1963.

Dr. Lowrie is survived by his wife Kathleen, his son David, and two grandchildren. He is missed by all of us at the hospital.

—W. Earl Redfern, M.D.