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Nephrology Training

The following recommendation from the Southeastern RMP Kidney Disease Counterparts was approved by the Southeastern Coordinators:

Because of the critical shortage outside the university medical center setting of physicians trained in the proper management of patients with chronic renal failure, the Southeastern RMP Kidney Disease Counterpart group recommends to the National Advisory Council through RMPS and the Southeastern RMP Coordinators, that a start to alleviate this shortage so peripheral community hospitals might eventually obtain a physician trained in nephrology, would be to accelerate the funding of physician training in this area; and that geographical restrictions should be eliminated, and that if RMPS would remove its policy of excluding one year traineeships for qualifying for board certification more young physicians might be induced into renal traineeship programs.

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Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and Speech

The following recommendation from the Southeastern RMP Stroke Counterparts was approved by the Southeastern Coordinators: The group recommends to the HSMFA Task Force on Health Manpower through the Director of RMPS that more support be urged for training physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists, all of whom are in short supply, and further that this be given a higher priority than the development of aides in these fields.

The following recommendations from the Southeastern RMP Heart Counterparts were approved by the Southeastern Coordinators:

- (1) RMP should maintain its categorical emphasis while at the same time fostering cooperative arrangements in broader areas of responsibility. This is necessary because categorical entities encourage greater involvement of health professionals in RMP.
- (2) RMP should continue to support the regionalized development of CCU's and other programs dealing with care for the acute coronary patient; and further that more time is needed to determine the true impact of such projects on patient care and the potential inherent in them.