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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN AREA V LAST WEEK . . . . .

On October 9, DONALD W. PETIT, MD, AREA V CO-ORDINATOR, was in Washington to attend the Fifteenth Meeting of the Drug Research Board, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences and to address this group, at their invitation, on "Possible Contributions of RMP in Drug Evaluation." Dr. Petit reports: "The Drug Research Board and Dr. Herbert Ley, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, apparently feel there is great need for drug evaluation at what one might call "Phase IV level"--a stage at which some drugs, having received extensive testing by animal and human groups--is considered ready for use by large numbers of patients. At this point they are generally released for general physician usage. I suggested that RMP, representing a linkage between the practice of medicine and the medical school, might provide the means for testing certain drugs, if such a need were recognized by local voluntary planning groups relevant to the programs being developed the attack on heart, cancer, stroke and related diseases." The Drug Research Board, a consultative and advisory body composed of some of the foremost experts in the use of drugs, was set up shortly after the thalidomide disaster to look into ways in which the government might be counselled on drug evaluation. Dr. Roger O. Egeberg was in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

The CCU Continuing Education Newsletter, which AREA V CCU PROGRAM helps to make available to the community through partial funding, is rapidly becoming a best seller, reports GLADYS ANCRUM, Dr. PH (Assistant Coordinator, CCU Program). Last June 25, when we sent out a sample copy with V-MINUTE NEWS, the Newsletter was being circulated to about 500 nurses who had received basic CCU training. To date, around 2,000 requests from all over the country have been received to be put on the mailing list and for back issues and there seems to be no end to the demand. The Newsletter is edited by Robert Chesne, MD and the teaching staff of the coronary Training Program for Nurses at Hospital of the Good Samaritan, and is published and distributed by the Metropolitan-Hollywood Division of L. A. County Heart Association.

A warm welcome to VIVIEN E. WARR, RN, who became Coronary Care Nursing Instructor for the AREA V CCU PROGRAM on October 13. Before joining RMP, Miss Warr was Assistant Head Nurse of the CCU's at Little Company of Mary Hospital and, most recently, at South Bay Hospital.

KAY D. FULLER, RN reports the San Fernando Valley Conference on Community Health Resources will present a film entitled "Tell Where To Turn" which explores the problem of getting those in need in touch with the available community resources for appropriate assistance. Also a panel will attempt to answer the question "How do I find a health care service when I need it?"

The nine California projects reviewed on October 13 and 14 by the DRMP Site Team included:

- AREA V - Emergency Myocardial Infarction Unit and Pacemaker Registry.
- AREA III - San Joaquin Multiphasic, and Pretransfusion Training.
- AREA VI - Perinatal Monitoring.
- AREA IV - Medical Library Service.
- AREA I - Patient Monitoring System, and Medical Oncology.
- AREA VII - Hyperlipidemia Screening.

Appearing on behalf of AREA V's Emergency M. I. Unit was Russell C. Hunter, MD, Medical Director of the City of Pasadena Emergency Center; speaking for the Pacemaker Registry was its author, Michael Bilitch, MD, Instructor in Medicine, Cardiology, USC; representing the L. A. County Heart Association and AREA V CARDIAC COMMITTEE for both projects was IRWIN HOFFMAN, MD. Also present were AREA V STAFF: DONALD W. PETIT, MD, Area Coordinator; WILLIAM A. MARKEY, Deputy Coordinator; KAY D. FULLER, RN, Nursing; DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH, Community Programs and JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D., Evaluation.

The Site Team for this review was composed of: Philip T. White, MD, Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Neurology, Marquette University; Robert Carpenter, MD, Executive Director, Western Pennsylvania RMP, Pittsburgh; J. Francis Dammann, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Biomedical Engineering, U of Virginia; Ernest L. Hopkins, MD, Associate Professor of Obstetrics-Gynecology, Howard University; Anthony L. Komaroff, MD and Mrs. Jessie Salazar were present for DRMP Staff.

Even before advantage could be taken of the arrangement with Dean Paul A. Bloland, Dean of Students at USC for special tutoring in high school chemistry for the Mexican American students who are candidates for the LAC-USC Medical Center School of Nursing, other offers have been received from these fine people: Mrs. Nancy Bilitch (wife of Dr. Michael Bilitch, Author of AREA V's Pacemaker Project); Art Hernandez (3rd year medical student and until recently, a Community Consultant with the East Los Angeles Project); and Bernard Haber, Ph.D. (Research Scientist, City of Hope). Many thanks for these offers of help and also to Dave Buckles, Project Field Coordinator, Department of Community Medicine at USC, who has been most helpful in this quest.

The forthcoming RMP-East Los Angeles Community Health Workshop was discussed over TV on Oct. 13, when Carmen Guzman, Community Consultant for the project, appeared on the Carmen de la Vegas Show, over KMEX Channel 34.

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STAFF MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO SUDDEN CHANGES--PLEASE CHECK WITH OFFICE FOR LATEST INFORMATION  
ALL MEETINGS ARE IN CONFERENCE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

OCT.			
17	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Seminar on Allied Health	
18	8:45 a.m.	AREA V Symposium on Early Chronic	Lafayette Room
	to 5:00 p.m.	Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Sheraton-West
21	11:00 a.m.	AREA V Cardiac Co-Chairmen	
21	3:00 p.m.	AREA V Hospital Administrators Committee	Childrens Hospital
22	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
23	9:00 a.m.	CCRMP Evaluation Committee	San Francisco
	to 11:30 a.m.		
23	11:00 a.m.	CCRMP Related Diseases Committee	Los Angeles Airport
24	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	
25	1:00 p.m.	RMP-East Los Angeles Community Health	FLA - Cal State College
	to 5:00 p.m.	Workshop (First Session)	Los Angeles
- COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS -			
November 7      November 21      December 5      December 19			
Next Area Advisory Meeting - November 11			
- SPECIAL MEETINGS -			
November 21 Conference on Community Health Resources - Sportsman's Lodge			
November 22 RMP-East Los Angeles Community Health Workshop (second session)			

ATTENTION

All Registered Nurses currently licensed, preferably in CCU and ICU or previously trained in these fields.

The following continuing education courses are open for you from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Hospital of the Good Samaritan Center, 632 South Lucas, Los Angeles:

- October 23. Pacemakers and Junctional Rhythm - Richard Cosby, M.D.
- November 6 Aberrant Ventricular Conduction Associated With Arrhythmias - Irwin Hoffman, M.D.
- November 20 Ventricular Arrhythmias - Milford Wyman, M.D.
- December 4 Arrhythmia Workshop - Robert B. Chesne, M.D., Earl Harrison, M.D., William Zimmerman, M.D.
- December 18 Arrhythmia Workshop - Robert B. Chesne, M.D., Earl Harrison, M.D., William Zimmerman, M.D.
- January 8 Myocardial Infarction, Bundle Branch Block, Axis Deviation - Robert B. Chesne, M.D.
- February 5 Digitalis - Robert B. Chesne, M.D.
- February 19 Shock Therapy - Herbert Shubin, M.D.
- March 5 Quinidine, Pronestyl, Lidocaine, Bretyllium, Dilantin, Dopamine - Howard Allen, M.D.
- March 19 Adrenergic Drugs - Willard Zinn, M.D.
- April 2 Diuretics, Acid Base Balance, Hyperkalemia - Robert B. Chesne, M.D.
- April 16 The Heart As A Pump - Eugene J. Ellis, M.D.