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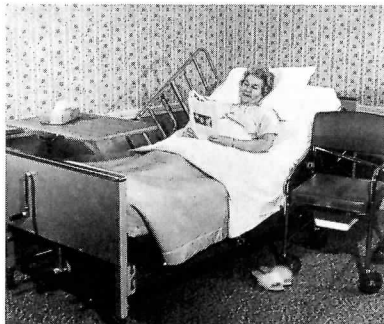
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From the Desk of the President

WHAT MANNER OF MEN ARE WE?

There is no more important or divisory issue facing the American medical professional today than the issue of P.S.R.O. (Professional Standards Review Organization).

Its basis is the concept of accountability, accountability for expending money, usually someone else's money (i.e. by gov't.).

Its objective is to ensure quality medicine at the lowest possible cost.

It seeks to do this through peer (fellow-doctor) review organizations which will establish norms of conduct in medical affairs beginning with hospital cases, (but ultimately to include office-cared-for-cases also).

The hospital cases are to be screened prior to entry (unless emergent) to be sure (if possible) that they need hospitalization. Their care in the hospital is to be followed to be sure (if possible) that they receive the care previously established as normal or average for that area. Their stay in the hospital is set (if possible) according to national standards with a local flavor (if necessary). A stay beyond this pre-set limit must be justified according to recognized and acceptable (to the various levels of the committees) standards.

If the above standards are not met or if the attending physician does not comply, the bill will not be paid; the physician may be liable for it; he may be fined up to \$5,000; he will be not recognized as a compliant physician with the right to care for patients within the program; and his name with all of this information will be posted and publicized in the news media.

If a doctor complies with all of the above, he will be privileged to continue to work within the system and be compensated for it at a rate to be determined by the system.

What a sorry state for a proud profession to be reduced to! It is especially sorry when one considers that we are being urged to do this to each other. It is especially demeaning when one considers that it is to be invoked by a morally-bankrupt government upon the profession that is held in the highest regard of all professions by the public.

In the first place the number of proven cases of fraud by physicians in medicare and medicaid cases hardly warrant the expenditure of so much energy and money. It is like mounting a 75 mm. cannon to kill a mouse. (But it will support a huge bureaucracy for the politician.)

Secondly it will not be cheap. To process each case now requires \$7.50 to \$10.19 per discharged patient. And there were 1,800,000 discharged patients from Ohio's (alone) hospitals last year. And this is only the beginning because the ultimate aim is a socialized form of medicine, which, if it is like Germany's, will require one bureaucrat for every 500 people. Just let what that figure means run across your mind!

Lastly, it will not increase the quality of medicine. It will stereotype, computerize, it. While it is true that some medical entities can be computerized a great many cannot. And no computer can individualize a disease entity: for while a disease may be the same disease in many people it is never really the same because within the individual it becomes flavored by all that he is, was and hopes to be, to say nothing of the effect of his environment on his condition.

I therefore hold that this is a bad law. Its basis is flimsy. Its objectives are unattainable. Its applicability by computerized medicine is a fervent dream. Its divisions and destructibility for a marvelous profession will be complete. Worst of all the American people, who know nothing of this law as yet, will be robbed of one of their richest heritages and rights; personalized confidential care.

I invite you to stand with many other organizations (Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Michigan, Trumbull County and others) in repudiating the implementation of this law. I invite you to join those seeking its being judged unconstitutional and its revocation.

You will probably be called controversial and non-compliant. You may even be harassed. But you will not be hung on the cross of pragmatic compromise.

"Be Thou A Man."

—C. E. Pichette, M.D.
President



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Editorial

REMEMBER

As we know, there are many problems facing us as doctors and as individuals in medicine today. The problems are many, including continuing education for doctors; the erosion of the patient-doctor relationship; the delivery of health care to the patient; the increase in demands on the doctor's time; the medico-moral problems of medicine today; the discrimination against doctors in the Phase IV Guidelines; more important, the lack of our "leaders" to recognize the problem and to exert strong positive action against such guidelines; the problems of cleaning up our own "Watergates"; and last but not least the problems that confront us with the threat of political and governmental controls on medicine.

In the past year the medical society under the guidance of Dr. Ed Pichette has brought forth speakers on PSRO, Foundations, Medical Unions, and Medical Advances Institute (M.A.I.). The meetings were given in the spirit of information for our members (those who were there) leading up to the days ahead when we will have to make some important decisions on both an individual and a collective basis as to what role we will play in the medicine of tomorrow.

There seems to be a reluctance and apathy of many of our members (as evidenced by our lack of attendance at society meetings) to face up to these problems. I suppose the apathy of the general public has also come into the medical ranks. Worse yet, there seems to be an attitude on the part of many of our members (probably more with those that do not attend our meetings) that we have to accept the fate of all governmental and political controls (both good and bad). There seems to be an attitude of "we can't do anything about it anyway." And this brings me up to the whole point of my heading: *remember*. I would like each of our members to remember the type of people we are, or maybe I should say used to be. Remember how much we struggled to become Doctors of Medicine. We needed the grades to get into a medical school. This meant for most of us *long, hard* hours of study to get the grades to reach our goal. It meant in most cases doing without; doing without not only certain pleasures of the time (like taking evenings off from work and study) but in some cases even doing without 3 square meals a day. No one handed us a medical career on a platter; we had to work for what we wanted. Some harder than others. We had to sacrifice and do without many things to reach our goals. Remember! Please Remember!

Remember that this is the type of strength we used to have and perhaps still do. Please let's get together at our society meetings and help to guide the future of medicine and our own future as well.

—William Moskalik, M.D.
Editor

PSRO VOTE AT NOVEMBER MEETING

You are well-informed and prepared to vote on the question of Mahoning County physicians participation in PSRO if you attended the following informational meetings held by the Mahoning County Medical Society during 1973:

March	Preston Jolley	"PSRO"
May	William Porterfield, M.D.	"Foundations"
Sept.	Stanley S. Peterson, M.D.	"Medical Unions"
Oct.	Robert R. Clark, M.D.	"MAI"
	Donald Quinlan, M.D.	"PSRO"

The meetings were scheduled by council at the beginning of the year to give all members the opportunity to hear and question experts in related fields.

Now the time has come. Discussion and vote will take place at the next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Youngstown Club. Every member is asked to be present to help make important decisions that will, ultimately, affect the practice of every physician in the area.

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June 1973	166.83
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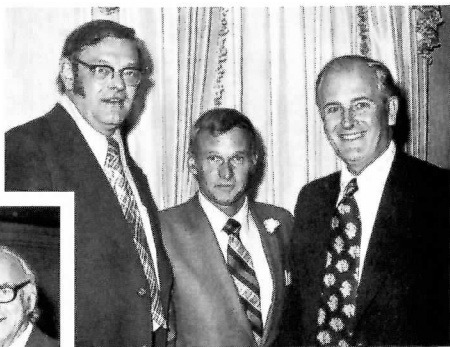
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TOP EXPERTS ADDRESS OCTOBER MEETING

Speakers were Dr. Robert Clark (left) and Dr. Donald Quinlin (right) with Dr. Jack Schreiber as moderator.



Sixth District councilor, Dr. Maurice F. Lieber and Mrs. Lieber (right), shown here with Dr. and Mrs. Pichette, have been guests at the last two meetings of the Medical Society.

With the specially-called Oct. 23rd meeting, the Mahoning County Medical Society concluded a year-long series of programs designed to acquaint the membership with PSRO, its ramifications, and the options open to physicians.

Dr. Robert R. Clark, president of Medical Advances Institute, and Dr. Donald Quinlan, president of the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, shared the platform in what may have been the most informational of the four programs this year. Both were excellent speakers and experts on their individual topics.

Dr. Clark, speaking first, explained MAI, its formation and history and relationship to the Ohio State Medical Association, what it hoped to accomplish and its progress to date, stating that a number of other states were copying the MAI computer system.

Dr. Quinlan gave a thorough explanation of what the PSRO portion of the new Medicare Law would do to the practice of medicine and to the physician, with emphasis on the fact that it is a planned step on the road to complete socialized medicine. He stated that the law violates several portions of the Constitution of the United States and that AAPS has filed suit challenging its constitutionality and has won the first step toward bringing it before the Supreme Court.

Dr. Jack Schreiber introduced the speakers and moderated the discussions. Dr. Pichette, president, presided. Special guests were Dr. Maurice F. Lieber, Sixth District Councilor, and Mrs. Lieber, and Dr. Frank Veres, president of the Warren 14th District Osteopathic Medical Association, and Mrs. Veres.

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PAST PRESIDENTS SPOKE

(Editor's Note: This is part three of a three-part article which was originally presented at the 1936 annual meeting of the Ohio State Medical Association.)

Working With Other Professions

by **W. M. Skipp, M.D.** and **C. A. Gustafson, M.D.**

Aid has been given all in matters that relate to hospitals and nurses, physicians and hospitals, physicians and nurses, druggists and physicians, veterinarians and public health officials, etc.

The Hospital Relations Committee is appointed by the Medical Society on recommendations of the Allied Professions Committee; also through the various committees of the Medical Society.

Through our Committees, Mahoning County Medical, and all hospitals we have promoted very close hospital and medical relations such as advice in conducting surveys; responsibility of physicians and hospital to indigent patients. Through the Society Hospital Committee we have regulated how and who shall receive treatment at free or part payment hospital clinics. The Hospital Relations Committee meets with hospitals in matters of difference and problems are thus ironed out.

The Society Hospital Committee makes its report to the Medical Society Council. Its function is to keep good public relations between the hospital and the professions. Matters that involve other professions are referred to the Allied Professions group.

We work with all the hospitals as a group. Recommendations from the Society are not made to one but as a whole. Recently two hospital staffs were reorganized and the entire setup followed the plan as proposed by the Hospital Relations Committee and the recommendations of the Society as a whole.

We are trying to improve the treatment of patients in all institutions and thus make all institutions better places for the physician to work; do a better job in training resident physician and nurses, which we feel to date has been accomplished.

At the present time our general hospitals only admit patients to free clinics on physician's referral; patients that are admitted are in the low income brackets and not on the welfare program. We hope to improve this program but a definite plan has not been formulated as yet.

At the present time, we have no problem with hospitals hiring physicians as that has been settled by the Society years ago so that pathologists, anesthesiasts, radiologists, physio-therapists are paid on a fee basis. There is no misunderstanding about treatment of patients as that is entirely a medical problem worked out by the Hospital Relations Committee and the Medical and Surgical staffs.

There is no misunderstanding regarding press or radio statements by our hospitals as all press releases pertaining to patients and treatment of patients are reviewed, and then approved by the Public Relations Committee of the Medical Society and if it involves more than one profession, it is cleared through the Allied Professions Committee.

The Committee from the Medical Society has not interested itself with hospital finances except to raise money for new construction and then the Allied Professions co-operates.

The Allied Professions have co-operated with all the professions in matters pertaining to new laws for druggists, hospitals, and medical enabling acts for prepayment insurance, new licensure laws for nurses and nurses aids, and laws being passed to stop advertising dentists.

Joint meetings of all the professions are held but usually not on public relations but on some program that is of interest to all. More meetings should be held and more are being planned by the Allied Group.

There are no sore spots in public relations between any of the professions because of excellent co-operation of the Allied Professions Committee group.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS DINNER



First prize winner at the Medical Assistants Dinner received the beautiful oil painting at top center. Entertainers were Mike Jaffe (left) and Gene Benson (right)

The Medical Assistants Dinner continued its long established tradition of providing a "big night for the girls" at the annual party held Thursday, Oct. 3rd at Ramada Inn.

Twenty-seven girls, out of 270 in attendance, went home with beautiful door prizes, the top two of which were oil paintings brought from New York by Dr. George Dietz, chairman for the affair. Another twenty-five girls were presented with floral center-pieces. Every girl present received a favor at her plate.

Entertainment was provided by Mike Jaffe, well-known area master of ceremonies and raconteur, and by Gene Benson, Endo representative and husband of Linda Benson, medical assistant, who sang a number of popular ballads, accompanied by Tom Fehringer.

The girls were welcomed in the name of the physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society by Dr. Pichette, Julia Gura, president of the Mahoning Medical Assistants Society, responded for the girls.

NOMINATIONS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Nominations for a number of offices will be made at the Nov. 20th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Youngstown Club. All members are eligible for all offices of the Society with the exception that only members who have served two years on Council will be eligible for the office of President:

Those eligible to be nominated for President are:

R. A. Abdu	G. W. Cook	K. M. Lloyd	M. C. Raupple
S. G. Adornato	C. A. Crans	W. D. Loesser	M. S. Rosenblum
J. J. Anderson	D. J. Dallis	P. J. Mahar	E. T. Saadi
H. N. Bennett	G. H. Dietz	C. H. McGowen	R. J. Scheetz
Louis Bloomberg	F. A. Friedrich	R. B. McConnell	F. L. Schellhase
B. P. Brucoli	S. F. Gaylord	E. R. McNeal	C. C. Wales
W. H. Bunn	Frank Gelbman	R. D. Murray	R. G. Warnock
L. P. Caccamo	A. W. Geordan	J. V. Newsome	Kurt Wegner
K. E. Camp	S. D. Goldberg	F. A. Pesa	C. C. White
A. B. Cinelli	Bertram Katz	S. F. Petraglia	L. J. Zehr

Not included on the above list are all of the past-presidents of the Medical Society, who would be constitutionally eligible to be nominated and elected to the office of president again.

Other offices to be voted upon at the November meeting are that of Secretary, Delegate, two Alternate Delegates, and four Council Members. In addition, nominations will be made for two trustees of the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation, and a representative to Associated Hospital Service.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November, 1973

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Nov. 11 thru Nov. 17: Annual Diabetes Week participation by all doctors' offices.

Nov. 20: Regular November meeting. Nomination of officers. PSRO vote. Other business. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youngstown Club.

December, 1973

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Dec. 18: Regular December meeting. Election of officers. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youngstown Club.

AUXILIARY COMPLETES DRUG PICK-UP



Mrs. D. J. Dallis and Mrs. J. J. Buckley, one of the Auxiliary teams, pick up drug samples from Peggy Landolfi, Dr. Chiasson's medical assistant. At right, Mrs. R. A. Bacani helps them unload the trunk of their car.

Mrs. R. A. Bacani, chairman, reports that approximately 20 volunteers from the Woman's Auxiliary visited more than 200 offices of physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society during the two-week period ending Nov. 2 for their annual pick-up of unwanted drug samples.

Boxes of samples filled a storage room at Dr. Bruce Lipton's office as Auxiliary members drove up daily with car-loads from all over Youngstown and neighboring communities. The drugs are now in the process of being packaged for shipment to Detroit to World Medical Relief, Inc., a philanthropic organization which distributes medical supplies to missions at home and abroad and hospitals all over the world.

Shipment day is Nov. 14th. Any help from Auxiliary members or their families in preparing and loading the shipment will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, call Mrs. Bacani, 746-2846.

DENTISTS EXTEND INVITATION

The Corydon Palmer Dental Society extends a cordial invitation to members of the Mahoning County Medical Society to join its members for the annual Christmas Ball to be held Saturday, December 15, at the Blue Room at Cherry's, Top O' the Mall.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 and dinner will be at 7:30. There will be entertainment and dancing until 1:00 a.m. This is a black-tie affair.

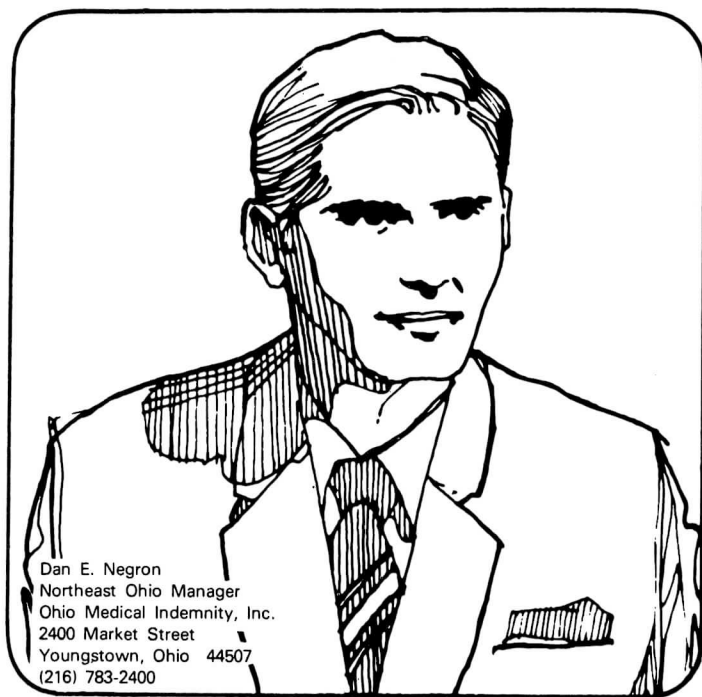
Cost is \$35 per couple. Medical Society members may R.S.V.P. with Dr. Dominic Bitonte, chairman, in the Mahoning Bank Building, Youngstown 44503, or with the Corydon Palmer Dental Society office, 815 Home Savings and Loan Building, Youngstown 44503.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

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—Mrs. John Noll



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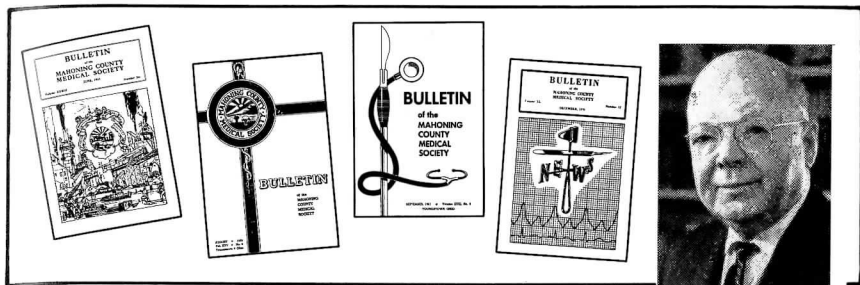
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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1933

From President Harvey's page: "Mahoning County has been using the county jail to house mental cases because there is no other place. It is a shameful situation which reminds one of the middle ages. Probate Judge Woodside has urged that the city turn over the municipal (contagious) hospital to the county to be used as a mental hospital. At present the municipal hospital is in such bad repair it is not inhabitable." Thus the Woodside Receiving Hospital was started.

Dr. R. D. Gibson was born in 1855 in the old stone house on East Dewey Avenue in what is now Homestead Park. He was the first physician in Youngstown to limit his practice to E.E.N.T. This writer can remember him in 1919 (age 64) performing cataract operations. He always carefully whetted his knives, first on stone then on leather before the operation and his hand was perfectly steady. He brought several outstanding men to Youngstown, among them F. F. Piercy, Harold Baird and W. H. Evans.

John Noll had an article on Rabies, which was on the increase. He outlined the preventive procedures following dog bites and the criteria for diagnosing rabies. There was no law requiring inoculation of dogs then.

B. J. Dreiling had an article in the Ohio State Medical Journal on "Penetrating Wound of the Heart and Lung with Successful Removal of the Foreign Body."

THIRTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1943

Not many letters from members in the Armed Services. Most of them were overseas where censorship was strict or they were pen weary from paper work.

Esther Hamilton managed to keep track of some of her favorites. From Esther's Column, "Two naval lieutenants home from the Pacific, Charles P. Cervone and David Carrol have spoken highly of Lt. Stanley Myers and of his fine work." Gordon Nelson wrote from Oran "The Arabs are an interesting lot. I always knew soap and water were scarce here but I didn't know they were *that* scarce."

You could still buy white shirts at Strouss' for \$1.75 but they were getting scarce. Food was rationed, tires were rationed and gasoline was rationed. The war was nearly two years old and everyone was feeling the strain. Most of the men had shipped out from the training camps and their wives had come back to lonely homes.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1953

Ninety-two thousand visitors viewed the Medical Education Exhibits at the Canfield Fair. President Goodwin and Chairman Szucs received a special trophy from the Fair Board. Five other Fair Boards in Ohio were inquiring for information to establish a similar exhibit. The Academy of Osteopathic Medicine, the Optometric Association and the Chiropractors Association were represented, causing a pronounced rise of blood pressure in some of our older members.

New members that month: James R. Gillis, Robert R. Fisher, Frank K. Inui, Robert V. Bruchs, Robert L. Jenkins, Wm. H. Gross, Herman L. Allen, Joseph J. Campolito. It was a very good month.

You could buy all the white shirts you wanted at The Scott Co. for \$5.00 but a cashmere blend polo shirt cost \$12.50. There is no Scott Company now. I wonder how many doctors bought polo shirts?

TEN YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1963

President Asher Randall said that Esther Hamilton is the best friend medicine has in this community.

Michael Zervos died at 74, soon after a testimonial dinner given by the community of Greek descent. He was a skillful practitioner and a fine gentleman. We have missed him.

DeForest Metcalf was harboring a student from India and Gene Fry hosted one from Africa. Both were exchange students sponsored by the American Field Service. Dick Murray was preparing to go to Hong Kong to demonstrate plastic surgery at the Mary Knoll Hospital.

John McDonough sponsored an Art Festival to raise money for "Project Hope". It was well attended and \$3,000 was raised.

Louis Scharf, James Smeltzer, Elias Saadi and Arnouldus Goudsmit participated in a series of lectures at the Y.M.C.A. arranged by the Speaker's Bureau, Hugh Bennett chariman.

President Kennedy was assassinated November 23rd and the nation was plunged into mourning.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Oct. 9, 1973

Dr. Pichette introduced Dr. Caccamo, who in turn introduced Dr. Lawrence Looby and Dr. Stanley Olson. Dr. Olson discussed the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and its progress to date. He expressed the hope for continuing discussions between the medical school and practicing physicians and stated that there would be a direct channel of communication with the provost or dean.

The motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded, that council recommend Dr. Caccamo to be the associate dean for this area. Following discussion, a motion to amend was made by Dr. Schreiber, and properly seconded, that at this time the motion express great gratitude to Dr. Caccamo for his work toward the medical school along with a vote of confidence and that he be accorded the support expressed in the original motion at the proper time. The amended motion was passed.

The following applications were presented by the censors:

ACTIVE: Norma J. Hazelbaker, M.D.

Chander M. Kohli, M.D.

Paul Mahar, Jr., M.D.

Nicholas A. Pappas, M.D.

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Fred R. Pruitt, M.D.

G. D. Sangvai, M.D.

The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society fifteen days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Pichette made a report for the Budget Committee. The proposed 1974 budget, for \$33,000, was discussed item by item. The motion was made by Dr. Sovik, and properly seconded, that the budget be accepted.

A report was read from the Ohio State Medical Board concerning the closing down of a group of alleged doctors north of Youngstown engaged in hypnotism.

A letter from the Youngstown Area Community Action Council concerning a Mobile Multi-Phasic Health Screening Clinic was read. Questions of the Medical Society were then answered on a form to be returned to the Council.

A letter was read from O. T. DiLullo, Agent-in-charge, Narcotic Strike Force Unit of Ashtabula, Mahoning, Portage and Trumbull Counties. The letter called for a meeting of representatives of the Medical Society, the Osteopathic Society and the Pharmaceutical Association with area police agencies. The letter will be referred to a new committee to be set up.

Dr. Dietz, chairman, reported on a highly successful Medical Assistants Dinner.

Dr. Abdu presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Crimes in our community are a daily occurrence, and

WHEREAS: These crimes often result in loss of life, limb, and property, and

WHEREAS: The citizens have generally been apathetic except those directly involved, and

WHEREAS: Good citizens will respond to good leadership,

BE IT RESOLVED: (1) That the professional segment of our community take the initiative in providing that leadership, and
(2) The Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society appoint a committee to meet with the Mayor, the Judges concerned, the president of the Mahoning County Bar Association, the Chief of Police, the President of the Mahoning Valley Council of Churches, and the Editor of the *Vindicator*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That such formed group will study the problems of crime and recommend suitable solutions and, therefore, by its action alert the citizens, protect the innocent and punish the guilty as prescribed by the law.

The motion was passed. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that Dr. Firestone be chairman of this committee and that he pick his committee members.

Dr. Melnick introduced discussion concerning the Blue Cross contract for the Medical Society Blue Cross Group. He stated that it was not necessary that it be signed and that he was going over it with Mr. Morgan, head of Associated Hospital Service.

Discussion ensued concerning the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation. It was noted that Robert H. Whittlesey, M.D. is their new medical director.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

AIMS IS LOCAL HMO

In a recent flurry of activity, the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation (NEOHCF), which is the local Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), has hired a medical director, moved to new offices and introduced a new set of letters (AIMS) into the growing lexicon in the health field.

Robert H. Whittlesey, M.D., F.A.C.S., is the medical director. Offices are now located at 5211 Mahoning Ave. AIMS stands for the corporate name, American Integrated Medical Systems, Inc.

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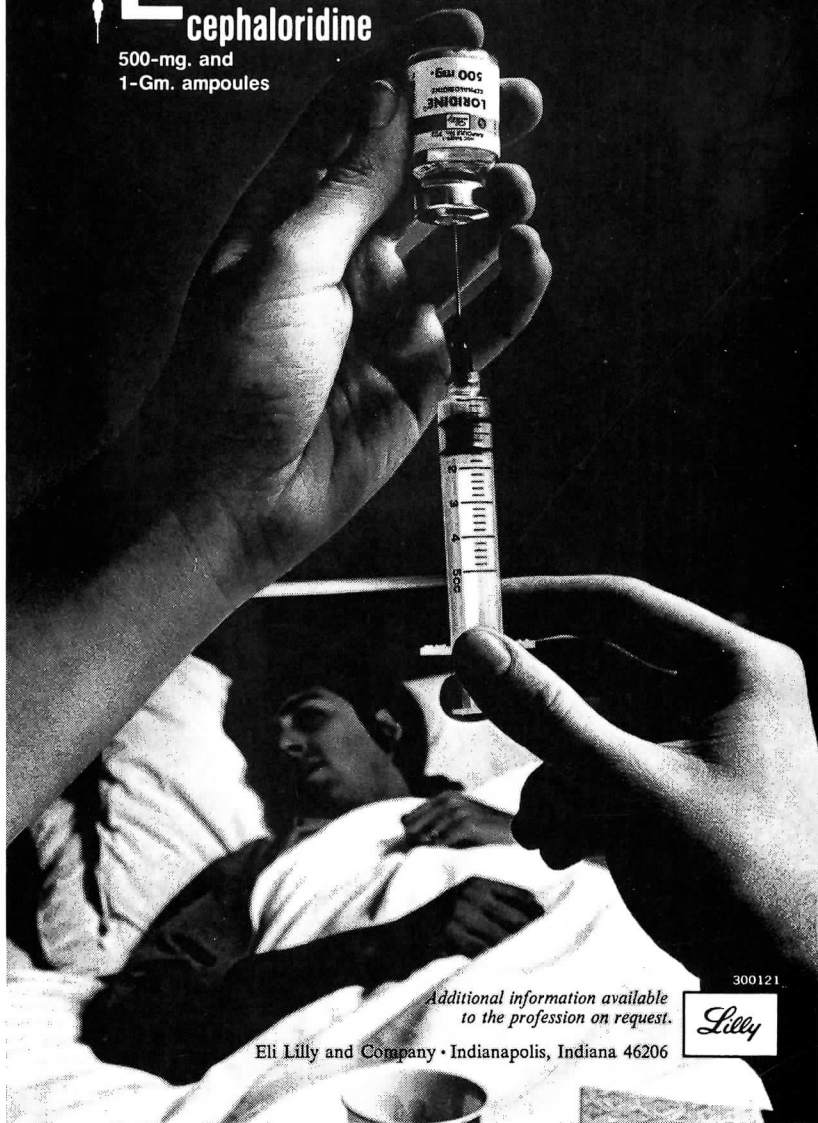
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