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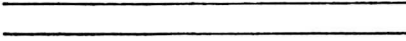


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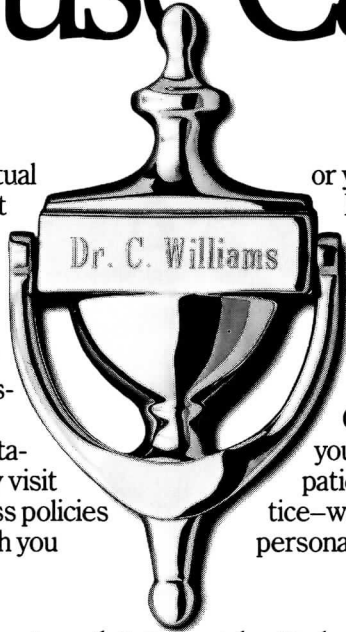
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From the Desk of the President



WE MUST HAVE UNITY

As I sat down each time to write this article, I never had problems with finding a subject. It seems that as a profession we are being besieged on numerous fronts. Included are the malpractice situation, medicare problems, PRO rulings, third party payers and how to deal with alternative delivery systems. I mentioned in my first article of the year that if we are to have any effect on these issues we must have UNITY. In this regard, I also mentioned earlier that I was interested in finding a legal method of collectively bargaining with alternative delivery plans.

When a large insurance company approaches one of us, they have a distinct advantage. We sit there with a contract to join an HMO or PPO panel and no way of determining if it is a good contract. Even if we send it to OSMA to have it evaluated and they point out some bad features of the contract, we have no way of getting the insurance company to change the contract. We either sign it or decide to pass. In this area our choice of what to do is quite limited. If we decide to just sign all contracts, we will, in effect, be promoting and giving a competitive advantage to the least expensive product. What happens is that the company that pays us the least will have just as many physicians on its panel as the company which pays us the most. Thus, since they are paying out less, they will be able to reduce their premium to the subscriber. Then to match this and be competitive in the market place, the company who pays us the most will have to start reducing its payment to us. Therefore, by signing all contracts, we will in the long run be reducing our income. On the other hand, if we decide to sign no contracts, we will be causing the patients to shift to those physicians who do sign. The Society could form a negotiating committee. This may result in better contracts. However, it could not bind physicians without antitrust risk. A union could be formed to negotiate. Again there would probably be an antitrust challenge. This all brings us back to the fact that we only have two choices. We either sign the contract or we don't sign it.

Those of you who attended the last Society meeting heard a possible way around this situation. Our speaker, Ronald Waldheger of McDonald, Hopkins and

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Editorial:

THE ETHICS OF HIPPOCRATES

Before embarking into any field of interest, philosophical ground work is laid, and the main tenets are followed. Deviations from this often mean the collapse of the whole system. In the case of the United States, it is our Constitution that holds our basic fabric of life together. In medicine we rely on the "Oath of Hippocrates." The conduct and ethics of our profession still stands today, though many feel that we have outgrown it in the modern age.

Hippocrates was born in 460 B.C. descending directly from Hercules as well as from Esculapius. He studied medicine from "all" the great teachers and was able to travel extensively throughout the Greek world. Famous accounts of his life included the curing of a Macedonian tyrant of the malady of love, driving out the plague from Athens by lighting fires in the public squares, refusing to go to Persia to treat the King, and finally dying at approximately 85-90 years of age. Descriptions of his tomb in Thessaly as late as the second century A.D. revealed that it was a haven for bees. As legends go the honey of the bees that swarmed there was said to be healing to the mouth, tribute to the man who, according to Celsus, "was as eminent for eloquence as for knowledge. Even Galen, the legislator of medicine, wrote of Hippocrates as the ideal physician "who with purity and with holiness his life and practiced his art." Though much of his writings were probably more legend than truth, the practice and art of medicine could still be reflected in his soul, and reflected admirably his origins to the God of Healing.

The Oath itself starts by praying to our physician origins, the gods and goddesses that give us our healing powers as well as our professors who are held in the same reverence as our parents. The knowledge gained by this is to be taught to other physicians, brothers in the art, without fee or stipulation, and also to be passed on to our children and disciples, but to no others. I guess this means that all atheists and agnostics need not bother to apply to medical school, and while we are on the subject, the thousands of dollars we spent on medical school should be refunded. Also, lets cancel TV programs, radio messages, lay press articles, and other public documents, since the information in medicine was never intended to be outside the profession.

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The next section describes the conduct of the profession to follow a regimen that is considered beneficial to patients according to good judgement and ability; abstaining from systems that is whatever deleterious and mischievous. It directly inhibits abortions. It then states that physicians characters should be beyond reproach. When surgery or house calls are made, no mischief or corruption should be attempted nor seduction of females or males presumably in these households. Most of these tenets are true even for today. The only real argument comes with the abortion issue. Maybe another phrase could be added stating that abortions are not to be performed only if you feel that it should not be done!

The final section states that thou shalt not "tattle" on thy fellow physician. Mistakes should be held in secret. I wonder, does this stand up in court?

Well, there you have it. The ethical beginnings of our profession. Has it gone out of date, or have we somehow drifted from solid tenets and been brought back to the original meanings? During this holiday season let us all reflect on the goodness and holiness of our beginnings.

Brian S. Gordon, M.D.

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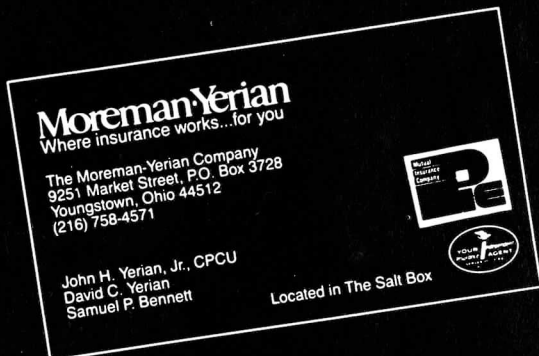
Hardy, suggested an entity called an Independent Fractice Corporation. In effect what we would do is form one or two large group practices in the county. These practices are only to handle our PPO and HMO income. The only contract with insurance companies would be with this group practice corporation. We would not sign individual contracts. Since our corporation would be presenting the insurance company with a large panel of physicians, it will or should be able to negotiate better contracts. This will also result in the patients having a free choice of physicians. Economically the insurance company will pay only our corporation. Individually we will be reimbursed from our corporation. Of course, there will be expense associated with handling the claims. However, this should be small per physician. A hundred or more physicians will be sharing the expense of only a few secretaries.

I am sure that as soon as the members finish reading this that there will be a multitude of questions and objections. It is an idea in its infancy. However, it deserves investigating. Several of these corporations are already in existence in the Cleveland area. We need to find out more about how they operate and what they cost to operate. We need to find out if they truly benefit the physicians and patients. The bottom line, as they say in the business world, is that we must be able to have some leverage as to what is in the contracts we are signing with insurance companies. I am planning to have a speaker for the December Society meeting who will explain to us just what is in these contracts and why we should not just blindly sign them.

As I conclude my year as your president, I would like to thank Council for its support. I would point out to the membership that this year's Council was diligent in their duties. Council meetings were well attended and there was good input by all Council members. We did have one short fall. At the annual OSMA meeting, we did not have a full delegation. This is extremely important. It is at the state level that our ideas and programs have the greatest chance of being put into effect. Therefore, I must remind anyone who is elected to be a delegate or alternate delegate that it is one's obligation and responsibility to attend the annual OSMA meeting. I would also like to point out that, for whatever reason, we had a sizable increase in attendance at the Society meetings. Many of you may not feel it is important to attend. However, your attendance is very important By a show of force at meetings, the

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membership gives support to the officers and prompts them to work harder. By showing that you are interested, you give an added incentive to the members of Council. Again, thanks to all for giving me the honor of serving you this past year.

G. Robert Barton, M.D.
President

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**Nov. 10, 1987**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1987 at Antone's Restaurant in McKay Court.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. to facilitate the completion of the agenda in a reasonable period of time. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the October meeting minutes.

The treasurer's report listed seven (7) members who have not paid dues for 1987 and the Council was informed that registered letters will be sent to each of them to notify them of being dropped from the rolls of the Society. It was divulged that 187 members have paid dues for 1988 to date. A listing of the dues receipts and extra income for 1987 was presented by the treasurer and a bills list for the month. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay each of the bills.

Communications included:

An invitation to an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast from Mayor Ungaro for Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 a.m. was read. Dr. Slusher and the executive director agreed to represent the Society at the event.

A notice from AMA that the Federal Budget Reconciliation Provisions have eliminated the relative value schedules and DRGs for physicians.

An announcement from AMA concerning the pending Leadership Conference being held Feb. 12, 13, and 14 at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. The vice president usually attends this conference with the executive director.

A Christmas card sales flyer from Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Persons wishing to purchase the cards may call 533-3300.

A resolution from the Massachusetts Medical Society declaring Massachusetts as an "undesirable location in which to practice medicine." The Council approved a motion to present a resolution to OSMA supporting the Massachusetts Medical Society's action and requesting a copy of the Council resolution be sent to the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Announcement of the AMA 1988 State Health Legislation Meeting, January 6-9 at Palm Springs, California.

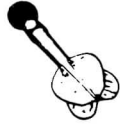
A letter from Dr. Harold Chevlen decrying the fact that Dr. Raymond Catoline's patient records were turned over to a local chiropractor and the chiropractor is charging patients \$25 to transfer the records to another physician. The executive director was instructed to contact the OSMA legal department to determine if such a fee is within the law.

COMMITTEES

The mini-internship committee reported another session is being anticipated with at least eight intern/participants and eight physician/faculty members. A date that is mutually satisfactory to the committee members will be selected for the committee meeting to finalize the details for the next session.

The marketing committee announced it will have a meeting in early December to

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consider suggestions that were presented at the October meeting of Council.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented to the Council and accepted, with the note that additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Society meeting Tuesday, November 17 at Antone's.

The Sixth District Councilor, Dr. Anderson, reported he will attend the OSMA Council meeting in Columbus on November 6-7. He stated the Massachusetts resolution will probably be discussed at great lengths. He noted there is some talk about changing the Saturday night schedule for the House of Delegates meetings and he requested the opinion of those present. Retaining the present schedule was the consensus.

The executive director presented a copy of the advertisement that will run in the NEOUCOM yearbook and informed the Council it is a repeat of what was run last year, stating "We Were Part Of The Founding of NEOUCOM." He reported that Project O.P.E.N. was presented and explained to the director of the Agency on Aging who will in turn present it to the agency's board of director for approval of participation at that boards Nov. meeting.

A proposal from Trade World Productions of Tampa, Florida to conduct a trade show for the Society was tabled until additional information can be obtained.

A report of the budget committee was presented to Council. After a lengthy discussion, two budget items were approved but the total budget did not receive approval and will be presented for approval at the December meeting of the Council.

It was announced that the next meeting of the general membership of the Society is Tuesday, November 17 which is the Nomination Meeting to select nominees for election in December for the offices of the Council. Speaker for the meeting will be member of the law firm of McDonald, Hopkins and Harvey of Cleveland with a topic "How to Deal With Third Party Carriers."

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Robert B. Blake
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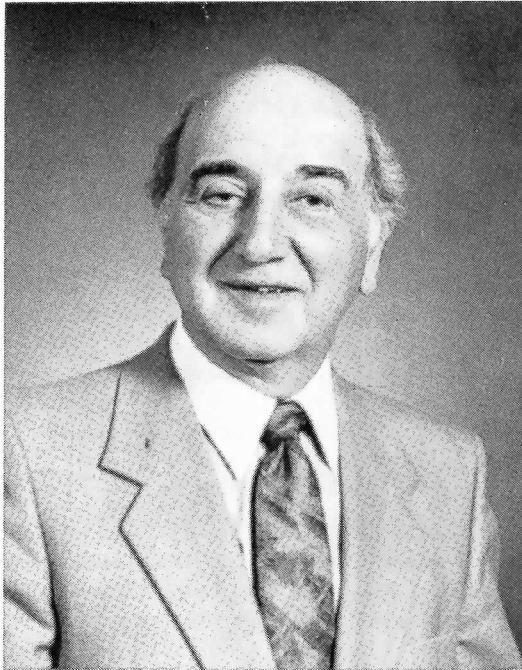
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A.A. Detesco

DR. ANDREW A. DETESCO IS DOCTOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Andrew A. Detesco Sr., native of Youngstown and a practicing internal medicine specialist, has been chosen the 1987 Mahoning County Medical Society "Doctor of the Year" and will be honored at the Society's meeting December 15 at the Moonraker Restaurant.

During more than 40 years of practice, Dr. Detesco has distinguished himself as the embodiment of the qualities and characteristics that bring respect to the medical profession.

He served the local Medical Society in a variety of offices and was elected its president in 1958. During his term as president, he was instrumental in the establishing of the Society's first full-time office and staff to further the multiple aspects of the medical profession locally.

During his 40 years of service, Dr. Detesco has served on the active staff at Western Reserve Care System and on the courtesy staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. He has held every office on the WRCS clinical staff, including president in 1975-76. From 1943 to 1945, he served as a Naval medical officer in the Pacific theater of operations. He has been on the teaching faculty at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and served five years on the College's admissions committee.

Dr. Detesco is a graduate of the Rayen School, received his undergraduate degree from Western Reserve University and his medical degree from Marquette University School of Medicine in 1943. He has been in practice in Youngstown since his return from military duty, in 1945.

He was among the organizer of the community-wide polio immunization program conducted by the Medical Society. He was involved in the development of the cancer

program at YHA(WRCS). He and his son have funded the Rose Detesco Cancer Memorial Program at the hospital that brings outstanding leaders in the treatment and diagnosis of cancer to Youngstown.

Dr. Detesco was among the founders of the Hospice of Youngstown program which serves cancer patients and their families.

Serving as a member of the board of directors of the Italian Scholarship League, Dr. Detesco has seen the organization grow to be a prime provider of scholarships for needy students. In 1986, Dr. Detesco was named the leagues "Man of the Year."

Dr. Detesco is a collector of rare and limited edition books, a direct result of his amassing a large library during his scholastic career. He is a photographic hobbyist and his own photo gallery chronicles the community history that has been part of his active medical life.

He is a member of St. Christine's Church and for many years was a member and supporter of the original St. Joseph's Church at Rayen and Wick Avenues. He has been a member of Kiwanis Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Catholic War Veterans. He serves as a trustee of the Butler Institute of American Art and has been involved in fund-raising for the Ursuline Sisters and the Oblate Sisters.

Dr. Detesco is married to the former Virginia Buttar and they have four children: Thomas, who is in practice with his father; Andrew Jr., Learose and Mark.

In Memoriam

MARVIN B. GOLDSTEIN 1900 - 1987

Dr. Marvin B. Goldstein, 87, died November 3, 1987 of a heart ailment in Heritage Manor. He was a dermatologist.

Dr. Goldstein was born in Youngstown, graduated from The Rayen School, He received his graduate and medical degree' from the University of Pennsylvania. He interned at St Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center and took post graduate work at N.Y. Skin and Cancer Institute and at N.Y Post Graduate Hospital. He was on the staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital and Woodside Receiving Hospital and served the Mahoning County Tuberculosis Sanitorium.

He was a member of the local Society, the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Academy of Dermatology, and was a president of the Pittsburgh Dermatological Association.

Dr. Goldstein was a member of Rodef Sholom Temple and a 60-year and 32-degree Mason member of Hillman Lodge. He served in the Second World War as chief dermatologist at a New Guinea naval base. He had tried to serve in World War I by joining the Soldiers Army Training Corps but was out after a few months. His service in WWII was for 3-1/2 years. He received a special commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for his service in World War II.



ITEMS

From the Exec's Desk

ROBERT B. BLAKE, Executive Director

It is that time of the year again when physicians must decide whether to be participating or non-participating in the Medicare Program. Decisions must be made on or before December 31, 1987. Whatever the decision made, the physician will have to live with it for a year, regardless of any changes in the law or change of physician circumstances.

The AMA suggests some factors to be considered prior to making a 1988 participating decision. They are: Proportion of your patients who are Medicare beneficiaries. Your current participation status. Your current percentage of patients and dollars taken on assignment. Your 1987 experience with MAACs or the participating program. The difference between the 1988 Medicare allowed amounts and your 1988 MAAC. Be aware that participating physicians are required to accept the Medicare allowed amount as payment in full in all cases. Non-Participating physicians have the option of accepting Medicare assignment on a claim-by-claim basis. Consider Medicare's preferential treatment of participating physicians, including regulations that apply only to non-participating physicians. And your philosophical position regarding the participating physician program.

New Year's Eve is just around the corner (well, maybe a block away!) and it's a good time to think about some idea for the New Year. Here are some to ponder.

For your patients - buy one or two good books for your waiting room - books that will help people better understand their health problems or cope with them. Take time to ask your patients if they are trying to make any changes to improve their health. Ask them what help they would like from you in this process.

For your family - set aside 10 minutes a day to talk to your spouse about something other than routines and obligations. Write or call a relative with whom you have been out of touch.

For yourself - savor the good things going on in your life right now. In the New Year, be good to yourself, you deserve it.

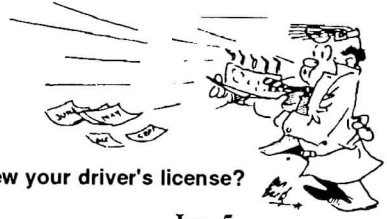
I'd like to send a holiday greeting card to every member of the Society but the time involved and the economics of it are a combination I don't feel I can handle at this time.

I am a Christmas-depressive. It has only been in the last couple of years that I have been able to get through the holidays without becoming deeply depressed. Apparently the depression is a direct result of a childhood holiday trauma. It has always been painfully difficult for me to get through the Christmas holiday season but an understanding family and a few very understanding friends have been a great help. If I don't seem to be all Ho-Ho! and Happy Holiday! when we meet, it's not a "Scrooge" complex, it's just a painful time for me.

For you, I hope it is the best of times and that you get every thing you want and nothing you deserve for the holidays, be yours Hanukkah or Christmas.

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An in-depth and piercing look at the way to deal with third party carriers and means to assure that some semblance of equity is attained by physicians in dealing with the carriers was presented by Ronald J. Waldheger, a member of the Cleveland law firm of McDonald, Hopkins and Hardy, L.P.A. Attorney Waldheger was accompanied by his fellow law firm member, John T. Mulligan. The meeting was held November 17 at Antone's in McKay Court.

The law firm has a special division that provides services for physicians and presents seminars about the multitude of circumstances that impact on the physicians' practice of medicine. In his presentation, Attorney Waldheger touched on the formation of particular types of physician member organizations that can become negotiation instruments when dealing with third party carriers. A lively and diverse question and answer session followed the speaker's presentation.

Dr. G. Robert Barton, president, opened the meeting and, after a motion to dispense with the reading of the September minutes of the Society meeting, appointed Dr. Robert J. Brock Sr. and Dr. Gopal Nigam as tellers for the annual nomination of officers and council members. Those nominated will be presented to the members for selection in December.

Those nominated were:

President-	H. S. Wang, M.D.
Vice President-	K. F. Wieneke, M.D.
Secretary-	K. J. Carter, M.D.
Delegate 1992-	L. E. Slusher, M.D.
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Foundation Trustee-	S. M. Kalavsky, M.D. J. G. Guju, M.D.

Dr. Barton proposed the following members for Emeritus Membership: Dr. Robert A. Brown, Dr. Patrick B. Cestone, Dr. Henry Holden, Dr. Ikuo Maeda, Dr. Ernesto F. Sabado, Dr. Lewis K. Reed, Dr. Bernard Taylor, Dr. Joseph W. Tandatnick. They will be voted on at the December 15 meeting of the Society being held at the Moonraker Restaurant.

The following applications for resident membership were presented: James Allen Black, M.D., Raul E. Parlittici, M.D. The applications were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with many of the members remaining to ask questions of the speaker.

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- Dec. 10, INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS, "Polymyalgia Rheumatica/ Temporal Arteritis - Problems in Diagnosis" Ralph J. Rothenberg, M.D., Rheumatologist, Western Reserve Care System.
- Dec. 12, ANESTHESIOLOGY LECTURE SERIES, "Molecular Mechanisms of Anesthesia" Marc H. Uram, M.D., Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, NEOUCOM, Neurosurgical Anesthesiologist, Western Reserve Care System.
- Dec. 12, TUMOR CONFERENCE, Thomas F. Barrett, M.D., Moderator, Associate Professor of Radiology, NEOUCOM, Radiologist, Western Reserve Care System.
- Dec. 14, SPORTS MEDICINE LECTURE SERIES, "Ankle Problems", Joseph I. Gonzalez, M.D., Instructor in Orthopedics, NEOUCOM, Orthopedic Surgeon, Western Reserve Care System.
- Dec. 17, INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS, "Hypertension in Blacks", Elijah Saunders, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Head, Hypertension Division, University of Maryland Hospital and School of Medicine.
- Dec. 19, TUMOR CONFERENCE, Fernando A. Carbonell, M.D., Moderator, Assistant Professor of Surgery, NEOUCOM, Head and Neck Surgeon, Western Reserve Care System.
- Jan. 7, ALL DIVISIONS - SURGERY, "Management of the Burn Patient", Harvey Slater, M.D., Director, Burn Unit, Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery, The Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Jan. 9, ANESTHESIOLOGY LECTURE SERIES, "Malignant Hyperpyrexia", Veeraiiah C. Perni, M.D., Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, NEOUCOM Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, Western Reserve Care System.
- Jan. 9, TUMOR CONFERENCE, Robert Piroli, M.D., Radiotherapist, Department of Radiation Oncology, Western Reserve Care System.

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The telephone rang at the nursing station and one of the nurses answered. "How is Mr. John Smith doing?" the caller asked.

"Mr. Smith is doing fine," answered the nurse, "In fact the doctor says he probably will go home tomorrow. May I tell him who inquired?"

"This is John Smith," came the reply. "The doctor won't tell me anything!"

A man with an upper respiratory problem went to the doctor for treatment. The physician, an amateur detective, completed his examination and declared, "I think you are a musician and that you play a wind instrument."

"That's amazing," said the patient. "How did you know that?"

"Very elementary," responded the physician. "There has been a distinct straining of the lungs, and the larynx is inflamed, as though by abnormal pressure. By the way, what instrument do you play?"

"The accordion," came the reply.

In Memoriam

JOSEPH J. WASILKO, M.D.
1906 - 1987

Dr. Joseph J. Wasilko, 81, died November 25, 1987 in St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center following a two-year illness. He was a general surgeon.

Dr. Wasilko was born in Sharpville, Pennsylvania, where he went to elementary and secondary school. He received his undergraduate degree from Gettysburg College and his medical degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He interned and served his residency at St. Elizabeth Hospital where he was a staff member while in practice. He had an office in the Dollar Bank building downtown for 50 years. In 1984, Dr. Wasilko received his "Fifty Years In Medicine" award from the Ohio State Medical Association.

He was a member of the local Medical Society, OSMA and the American Medical Association. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. He was a member of St. Edward Church, the American College of Abdominal Surgeons, Youngstown Country Club, the Youngstown Club, and the Deerfield (Fla.) Country Club.

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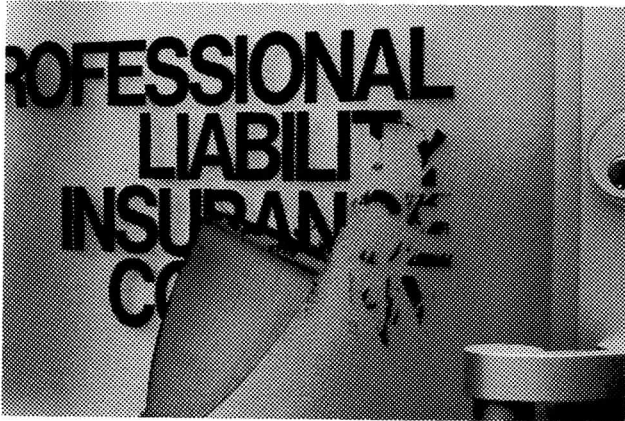


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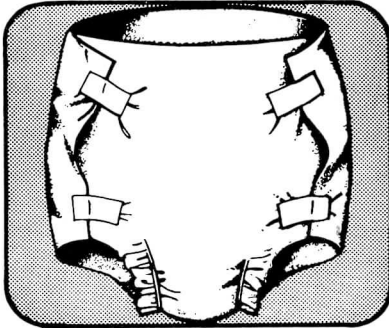
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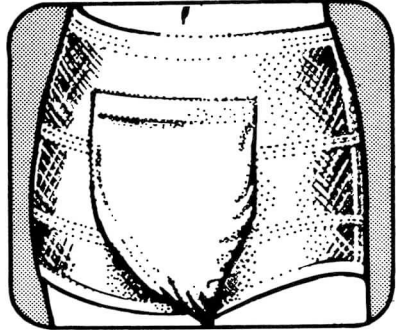
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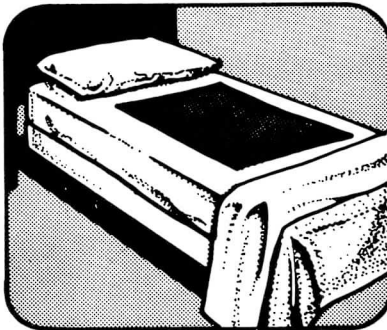
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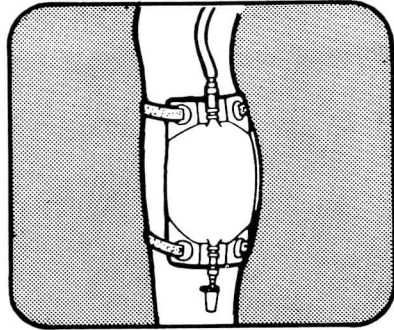
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From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 1937

The front cover of the December issue was all done up in red and green with holly garland around the border. Paul H. Fuzy was the outgoing president who congratulated the members for their support of the business and scientific endeavors of the Society. There was no trouble getting the members out in the good old days".

FORTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 1947

The nursing shortage was critical and Dr. F.S. Coombs stated editorially that the point had been reached where the nurses had too many duties and that something should be done to relieve them of clerical and non-professional work. Evidently he made his point for now we see so many ward clerks, aides, practicals and students around the desk that it takes a strong man to wade through them.

New members that month were Francis George Kravec, Alexander K. Phillips, Sidney C. Keyes, Arthur E. Rappoport, Robert J. Heaver and Vincent G. German.

THIRTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 1957

President Ondash reported a year of great progress: The Helath amendment to the Youngstown City charter was passed, giving us a Board of Health with full time Health Commissioner. The Polio Committee put the "coup de grace" on that killer of children. The Constitution Committee put through the first complete revision of our constitution in twenty years. The Diabetes Committee turned up twenty-four unknown cases during Diabetes Week.

John McDonough headed the Public Helath Committee that put through the charter amendment. J.J. Sofranec and James Birch did the polio job. Sidney Franklin steered through the constitutional revision. Morris Rosenblum capably handled the Diabetes Detection week.

Editor Pichette said that Social Security for doctors is no bargain; it is a hoax.

TWENTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 1967

December is the time for looking back over the years' events. President Harold Reese wrote: "Who, last December, would have dared to predict what the following months had in store for us? Such things as hospitals having to contend with strikes by professional employees and by non-professional workers. Unhappiness of doctors with hospital administration and of hospital administration with doctors. Everyone unhappy with himself and with everyone else." Eli Saadi wrote: "Unless each one of us has the spark of action in his soul, nothing will ever be accomplished or changed." Maybe events don't change; they just go in ten-year cycles.

New members that month were: Dr. Barry Decker and Dr. Wm. T. Martin. Hotel Ohio was advertising a gala Buffet Dinner every Thursday and Sunday for \$2.95.

TEN YEARS AGO DECEMBER 1977

Strikes and labor disputes were still the topic of discussion, ten years later. Editor A. Reed Hofmaster wrote; "It is obvious that we are practicing medicine in a community whose health care is all too frequently disrupted by work stoppages."

Outgoing President J.James Anderson presented a plaque of appreciation to Leonard Caccamo for his years of effort in bringing a medical school to the Youngstown area. Dr. Caccamo recieved a standing ovation.

New members that month were: Active: J.P. Cleary, M.D., R.J. Cuttica, M.D., A.G. Garg, M.D., J.M. Kline, D.O., Bruce Mirvis, M.D., Associate: Nadar Afroz, M.D., J.K. Bal. M.D., T.S. Bal, M.D., R.W. Colla, M.D., Abdul Ghani, M.D., G.A. Mihok, D.O., S.K. Mishr, M.D., G.H. Prochnow, M.D., T.E. Ragland, D.O., V.A. Raval, M.D., T.R. Rhee, M.D., Usha Sethi, M.D., H.W. Sharp, D.O., S. Silberstein, M.D.

Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

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- Dec. 25, CHRISTMAS- NO PROGRAM SCHEDULED.
- Jan. 1, NEW YEAR'S- NO PROGRAM SCHEDULED.
- Jan. 8, CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY, Speaker to be announced.
- Jan. 15, ONCOLOGY, "Pain Management in Advanced Cancer", Michael Levy, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine.

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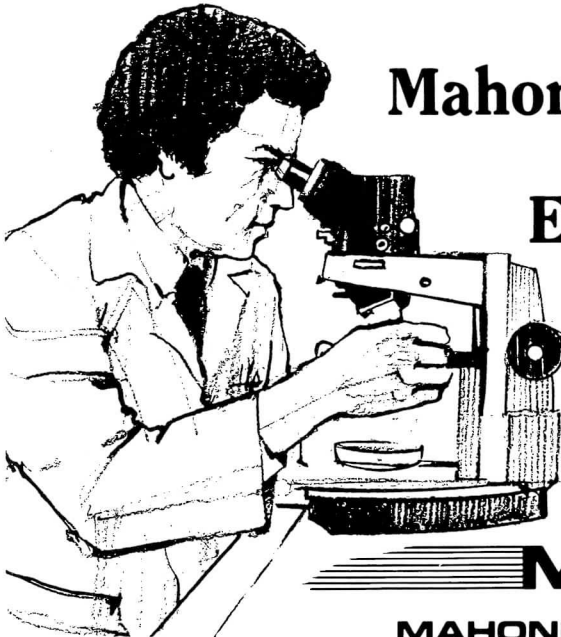
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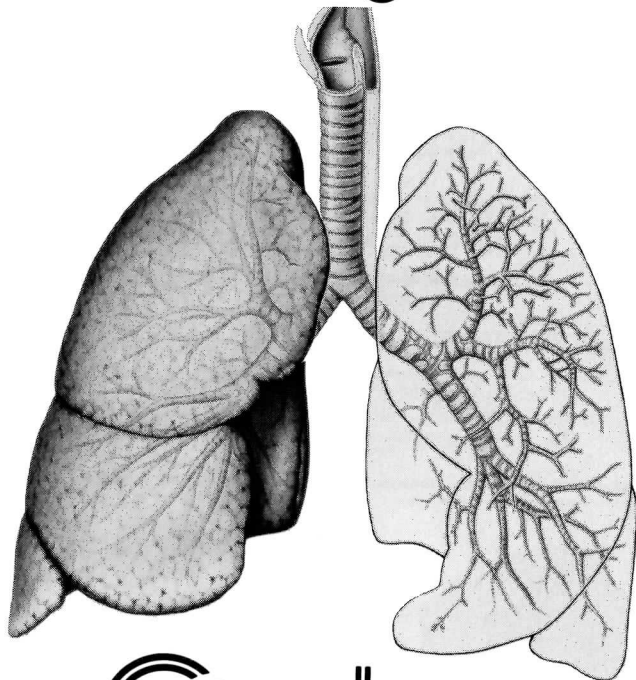
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