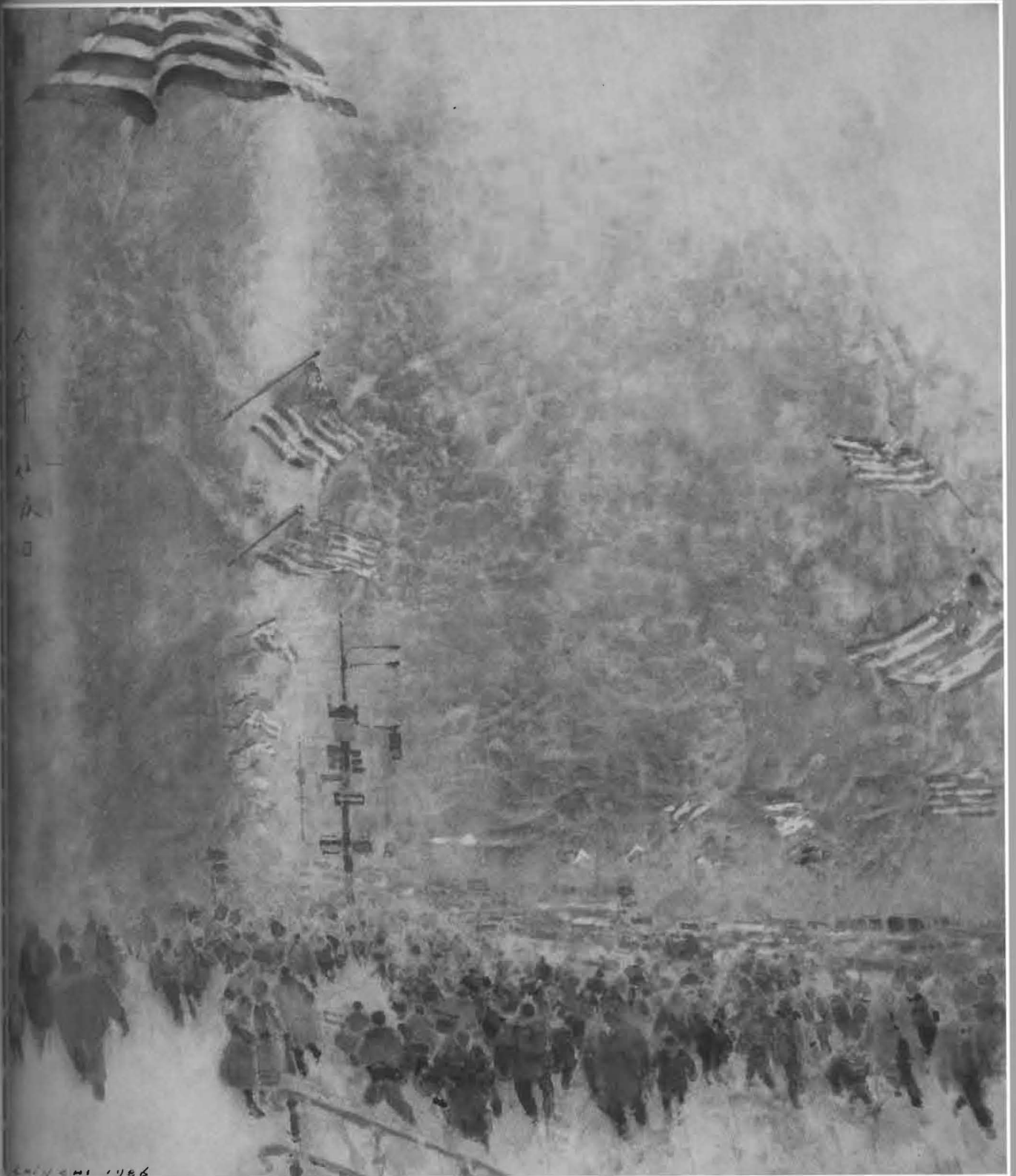
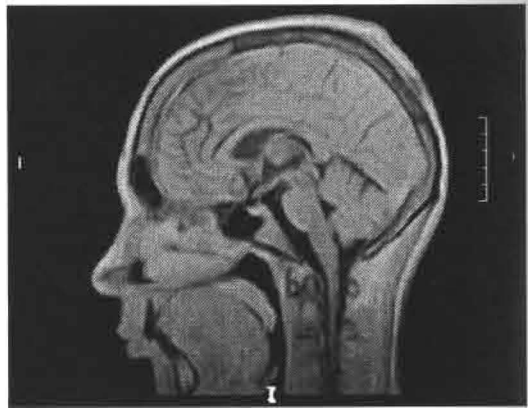
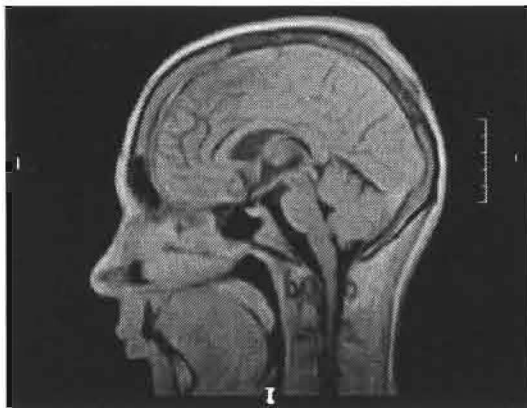


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# Atlanta Makes History

**W**HEN THE XXVI OLYMPIAD OPENS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA IN JULY, THE 100TH YEAR OF THE GAMES WILL BE CELEBRATED. I recently came across some interesting historical information and thought I would share it with all of you.

The ancient Games were first recorded in 776 BC, but it is believed they began some 500 years earlier. The Games were held in the valley of Olympia with only one event, the 210-yard dash which was won by a cook, Coroebus of Elis.

Events grew to include chariot racing, boxing and the pentathlon (including running, wrestling, leaping, discus throwing and javelin hurling). Not only were women not allowed to participate in the Olympics, but they were not allowed to watch either. Women disobeying the rules were punished by being thrown off the nearest cliff.

The wreath used to crown the victors was supposedly made from a sacred olive tree that was planted behind the temple of Zeus, by Hercules, the founder of the Games. The Games were held every four years until 394 AD when they were discontinued by the Roman Emperor, Theodosius I.

The modern Olympic Games were the idea of a 33-year-old Frenchman, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who invested nine years into reviving the event. The first Olympics were held in

Athens, Greece in 1896, with 40,000 spectators in the Panathenean Stadium. Only 311 athletes competed, and tickets only cost 16 cents. Women were still not allowed to compete, but at least they were not thrown off any cliffs.

The Olympics throughout the years have reflected the politics of the world. The Games were canceled three times, with two of the times being due to the First and Second World Wars. Over the years, countries have been punished by not being allowed to participate in the Games, and other countries have boycotted the Games to show their displeasure over political policies.

The global changes on our maps were also represented in the Olympics. East and West Germany sent separate teams to the Olympics from 1968 through 1988; the former USSR sent athletes to compete as the Unified Team after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The linked Olympic rings symbolize the five continents involved in the first modern Games: Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and America. They are also representative of sporting friendships. The torch relay used to start each of the Games began in 1936 and was run from Olympia, Greece.

The Olympics also has a creed of its own, written by Coubertin:

*"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."*

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# Medicine and the Internet: A Healthy Mix

COMMUNICATION IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF COMMUNITY LIVING WE PHYSICIANS COMMUNICATE WITH OUR PATIENTS and the community at large on a daily basis. But the mode of communication has changed significantly over the past several years. Electronic communications in the form of e-mail, voice mail, fax services and Internet link has changed our daily operations in this respect.

Mahoning County Medical Society is taking a step in this direction. We have been using a fax server for some time, and, in the near future, MCMS will be on Youngstown State University's FreeNet. In this way, the members of the MCMS and the community at large will be able to access the MCMS Internet page easily. We hope to have interactive communication with the members and with the community through this page.

On June 5, 1996, NEOUCOM had a seminar, "Demystifying the Internet," that I, along with several other members, attended. This seminar covered a brief history of using the Internet, basic terminology, accessing the Internet, e-mail, and electronic discussion groups. The Internet is a network of regional computer networks that started out as the

ARPAnet, a network of the US Defense Department. It is now so widespread that the users of the Internet have access to resources and information on computers around the world.

Most users are affiliated with an institution that has an agreement with regional networks and has installed hardware and software required to transmit information under the Internet protocol. Some examples of this are America Online, CompuServe, Prodigy and the Microsoft Network, to name a few.

The learning institutions such as NEOUCOM and YSU belong to OARnet (Ohio Academic Resources Network). The members of the faculty and staff may apply for a log-in ID and password from these institutions. Once you are a registered user, you will have Internet access. Academic institutions on the Internet often provide Internet access to their registered users without charge. However, there is significant startup and annual costs associated with establishing and maintaining access to a network. There are many national and regional Internet service providers who charge for access to the Internet. FreeNets, which are community information services, give free access to the community members.

Electronic mail is the most widely used application of the Internet. Instead of sending letters by traditional mail service, you send to computers. The advantages of e-mail include almost instantaneous delivery to any destination across the globe. The messages are not restricted to text, but can be sound, images or even computer software. The disadvantages include limitations of access to this technology. An e-mail address serves a similar purpose to an address on an envelope. For example, my address is cmk@neoucom.edu, where cmk is the user's name with @ separating it from the organization and its extension.

Each computer on the network has an address to which the information packets can be sent and received. Various organizations have

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# Mahoning County Medical Society Alliance Installation

**T**HE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE HELD ITS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1996-1997 ON MAY 16 AT the Youngstown Club. The new president is Paulette Pannozzo; president-elect, Suzy Soleimani; vice president, Annette El-Hayek; treasurer, Regina Hennon; recording secretary, Mary Ann Novak; corresponding secretary, Beth Bacani; and past president, Susan Berny.

As the president, Paulette Pannozzo brings to the Alliance her experience in leadership positions. Paulette is a sustainer and past presi-

Organization, and was co-chair of the Canfield Citizens for the School Levy. Paulette's proudest accomplishment was being one of the founders of the Canfield Educational Endowment Foundation. She is currently an executive member of that organization.

Paulette is the wife of Dr. Anthony Pannozzo, a psychiatrist. They have three children: Atty. Pamela of Columbia, SC, Michael at home, and Paul of Kent, OH.

Under her leadership, the Alliance will continue to support the Race for the Cure events which help support research dedicated solely to breast cancer. A celebrity auction will be held November 2 at Tippecanoe Country Club to benefit Domestic Violence Victims. It will be open to the public and feature autographed items from sports, television and cinema stars.

Paulette's goal for the year is to gain more recognition of the Alliance activities and to offer support and assistance not only to the Mahoning County Medical Society but also to other health organizations as a whole.

Committees and special projects for the year include:

- Celebrity Auction—Renee Bitonte
- AMA-ERF—Melinda Knight
- Christmas Party with the MCMS—Mary Walton
- Finance Director—Susan Berny
- Gavel Club—Angela Gilliland
- Guest Day—Susan Yarab
- Historian—Mary Walton
- Installation—Florence Wang/Maria Latotte
- International Dinner—Donna Hayat
- Membership—Dolly Handel
- New Member's Luncheon—Donna Hayat/Dorothy Brocker
- Newsletter—Beth Bacani
- Nominating—Mary Walton
- Outreach—Florence Wang/Joyce Bernstine
- Parliamentarian—Mary Ann Novak
- Publicity—Susan Yarab/Shelly Duffett
- Race for the Cure—Susan Berny
- Telephone Committee—Charlotte Tandatnick



MCMSA 1996-1997 Officers—(L-R, bottom row) Suzy Soleimani, Paulette Pannozzo, Annette El-Hayek. (L-R, top row) Mary Ann Novak, Susan Berny, Beth Bacani, Regina Hennon.

dent of the Canfield Junior Women's League, and a sustainer of the Junior League of Youngstown, on whose executive committee she served for two years. During 1977-1992, she also held the position of vice president of Westwood Rehabilitation Medical Center. Currently, she is a student at Youngstown State University.

Paulette was a founder and past president of the Mahoning County Talented and Gifted Organization, and created the After School Enrichment Program which has served thousands of students over the years. She served as president of the Canfield Parent-Teacher

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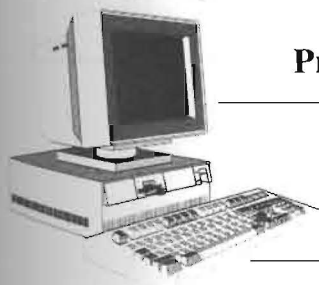
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# Amphitheater of Hippocrates is Dedicated at NEOUCOM

**A**N OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER IN HONOR OF HIPPOCRATES, THE GREEK FATHER OF MEDICINE, WAS DEDICATED AT THE Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) this past May.

The amphitheater was constructed with the support of Harry Meshel, former Ohio senator, and Robert S. Blacklow, MD, NEOUCOM president and dean, and received overwhelming backing from the Hellenic community in northeast Ohio.

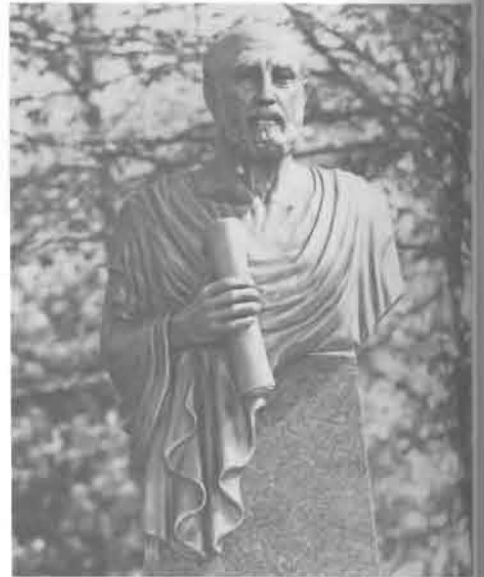
The amphitheater will "acknowledge the support of the Hellenic community to medical education in northeast Ohio. It recognizes the historic role of the ancient Greeks, and Hippocrates in particular, in creating an ethical code which governs to this day the patient/physician relationship. The amphitheater was constructed with funds donated by the Hellenic community and is a gift to future generations of physicians," Blacklow says.

"I had wanted to create an amphitheater for some time," Meshel says. "So with the approval of Dr. Blacklow and Rich Lewis [vice president for public affairs and facilities planning], I created a steering committee to raise the money. We then sought out replicas of sculptures of Hippocrates in different parts of the country and enlisted the aid of sculptress Anna Christoforidis, who has created a beautiful and striking sculpture."

Christoforidis, a renowned sculptress from Columbus, OH, created a bust of Hippocrates, which is the focal point of the amphitheater. She is a member of the Hellenic community and parent of NEOUCOM graduate Jim Christoforidis ('96).

Meshel continues, "The sculpture not only pays tribute to a great man of medicine, Hippocrates, but also marks the history and teaching of medicine."

Hippocrates is believed to have authored the oath that has become one of the most significant statements on ethics in the practice of medicine. The actual date of origin is not known, but the Hippocratic Oath is assumed to have been written after the sixth century BC. It is still administered in modified form by many medical schools to graduating medical students.



*Bust of Hippocrates, sculpted by Anna Christoforidis, which decorates the new outdoor amphitheater at NEOUCOM.*

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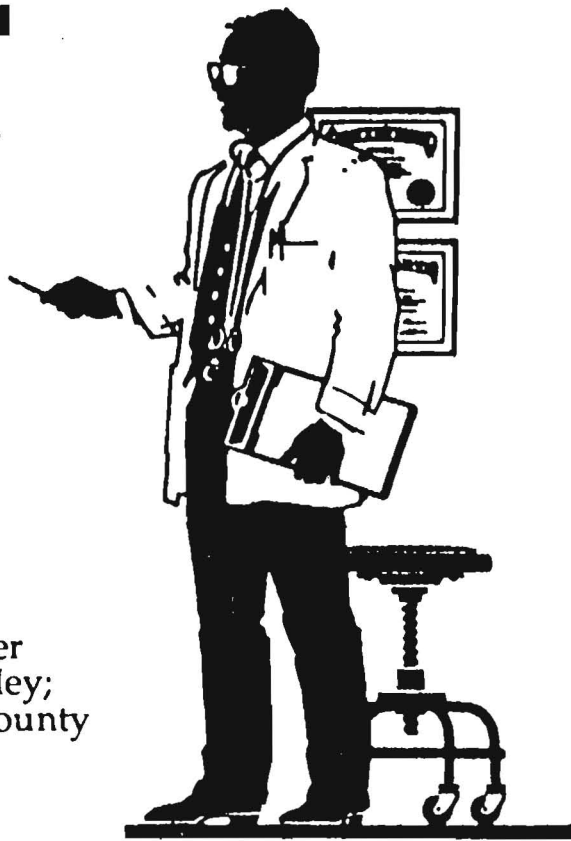
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# MCMS Dinner Meeting Highlights

**T**HE YOUNGSTOWN CLUB WAS THE SETTING FOR THE SOCIETY'S MAY MEETING. SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDED TOM FLYNN, executive director of the Lake to River Health Care Coalition; Neil Altman, City Health Commissioner, and Matt Stefanak, County Health Commissioner.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Peter Somani, director of the Ohio Department of

*Peter Somani, MD, PhD*



Health. Dr. Somani's presentation focused on the effect managed care is having on the way medicine is being practiced. He cited statistics showing that 98% of spending is currently going toward treatment, with only 2% toward prevention, which needs to change. His advice to physicians is not to fear change, but to work together, understanding that "we have to play a major role in the way our future is (being) shaped." He also stressed the importance of providing the best possible care to our patients, calling them "our biggest allies."

Bristol-Myers-Squibb, represented by Mary McClurkin of E.R. Squibb, provided a product display.

## President's Page

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pages on the Internet, such as OSMA. Physicians Online is a free service provided by pharmaceutical companies.

Some places of interest to the medical community are:

**American College of Physicians Online**

(Internal Medicine): [www.acponline.org](http://www.acponline.org);

**American Medical Association**

(membership information): [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org);

**Centers for Disease Control**

(links to MMWR): [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov);

**Harvard BioPages** (links and resources):

[golgi.harvard.edu/biopages/medicine.html](http://golgi.harvard.edu/biopages/medicine.html);

**Health Education Program**

(AAFP): [research.med.umkc.edu/aafp/pt\\_ed.html](http://research.med.umkc.edu/aafp/pt_ed.html);

**Health Web** (libraries of health information):

[www.ghsl.nwu.edu/healthweb](http://www.ghsl.nwu.edu/healthweb);

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[www.ohanet.org](http://www.ohanet.org);

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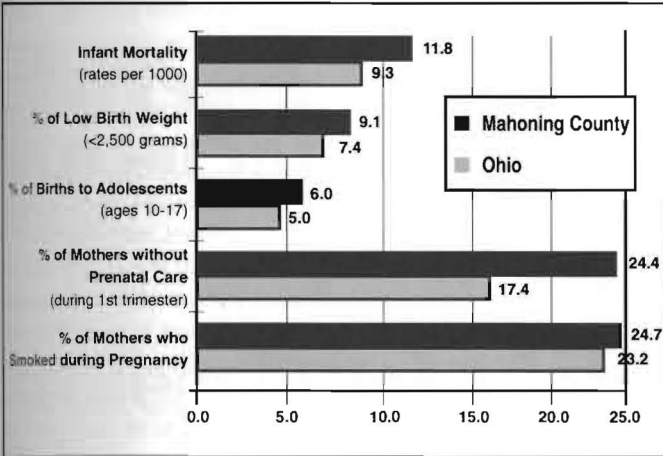
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<i>Projected 2000</i>	268,000	11,188,300
<b>Racial/Ethnic Group(1990)</b>		
	<b>% - Totals</b>	<b>% - Totals</b>
White	82.4% - 218,122	87.1% - 9,444,622
Black	14.8% - 39,213	10.6% - 1,147,440
Hispanic	2.2% - 5,946	1.3% - 139,696
Asian American and Pacific Islander	0.4% - 962	0.8% - 89,195
Native American	0.2% - 409	0.2% - 19,137
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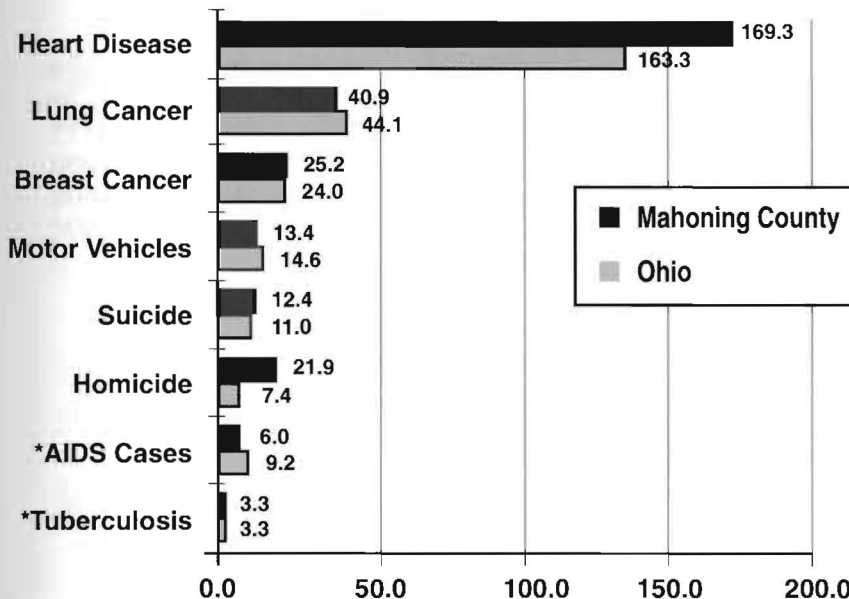


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# “High Noon, New York, 1986”

Watercolor on paper, 96.52cm x 88.90cm

By Chen Chi (1912- )

**C**HEN CHI WAS BORN IN WUSIH, A SMALL COMMUNITY IN SHANGHAI, CHINA. DUE TO HIS FATHER'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES in the silk business, in 1926, Chen Chi moved to Shanghai where he was employed in an oil pressing factory.

The owner of the factory, having children the same age, allowed Chen Chi to attend their classes. In 1931, he enrolled in an art school that emphasized western techniques rather than traditional Chinese painting. The establishment of the Chinese Republic in 1912, coupled with the opening of China to the West, which had begun in the nineteenth century, heightened his awareness of Western ideas and art trends.

Chen Chi, recalling his early training, stated, “We were wanting a more modern painting...There was already this direction in modern cultural movement. And with art, we did not want to go back to the Chinese traditional style, although we had such a strong tradition of it...I belonged to the younger generation, and we wanted...the modern style.”

Chen Chi came to the United States in 1947 and became a citizen in 1964. New York City, his home since arriving in the United States, and his extensive travels to many parts of the country provide an inspiration for his work.

Pearl Buck, in speaking of Chen Chi, stated, “Few artists can be transplanted from their own culture and find new inspiration in an environment originally strange to them. Chen Chi is one of the very few. Preserving the essentials of Chinese tradition in technique, he has enriched that technique while he has absorbed and mastered new subject matter. In short, he is a mature and exciting artist and his works are significant in symbolic thought as well as in beauty.”

High Noon, New York is a study in movement. The swirling wind seems to push the hurrying pedestrians and automobiles through the canyons of Manhattan skyscrapers. The flags ripple and snap, further emphasizing the vitality and movement of the busy thoroughfare.

High Noon, New York is typical of Chen Chi's highly personalized watercolors that merge Eastern brushstroke technique with the Western conception of color.

Chen Chi has painted scenes of Washington, D.C., Chicago, New Orleans, and San Francisco, but his main source of inspiration has always been New York City. In 1958, he began painting a series of watercolors picturing performances at the Metropolitan Opera House, the most notable being *On The Stage, The Old Metropolitan Opera-House, New York* (1958, private collection). His paintings of Central Park under a blanket of snow are pictorially successful as simplified impressions of nature, as are his variations of spring, summer, and autumn.

Chen Chi's merging of the Orient and the Occident continues to be traditionally beautiful. “We Chinese value beauty in aesthetic terms as we value peace, tranquility, purity, harmony, innocence, simplicity, humility, love, joy, qualities of the heart which artists in their work express to people.”

Clyde Singer

*Excerpted from “Master Paintings from The Butler Institute of American Art,” published by Larry N. Abrams, 1994.*



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## Letter To The Editor

*The following correspondence was recently received by the MCMS office and refers to an article published in the January/February 1996 Bulletin.*

Dear Editor,

I recently found an article included in the *Bulletin* (Volume 66, Number 1, 1996) entitled "Put Prevention Into Practice," by Matthew A. Stefanak, MPH, Mahoning County Health Commissioner, to be quite enlightening due to its overall comparison between Mahoning County and the State of Ohio in terms of preventative measurements in health care. Most of these facts were based on the goals of the "Healthy Valley 2000" project which is being implemented by the boards of health, health care institutions and other community organizations in Mahoning County.

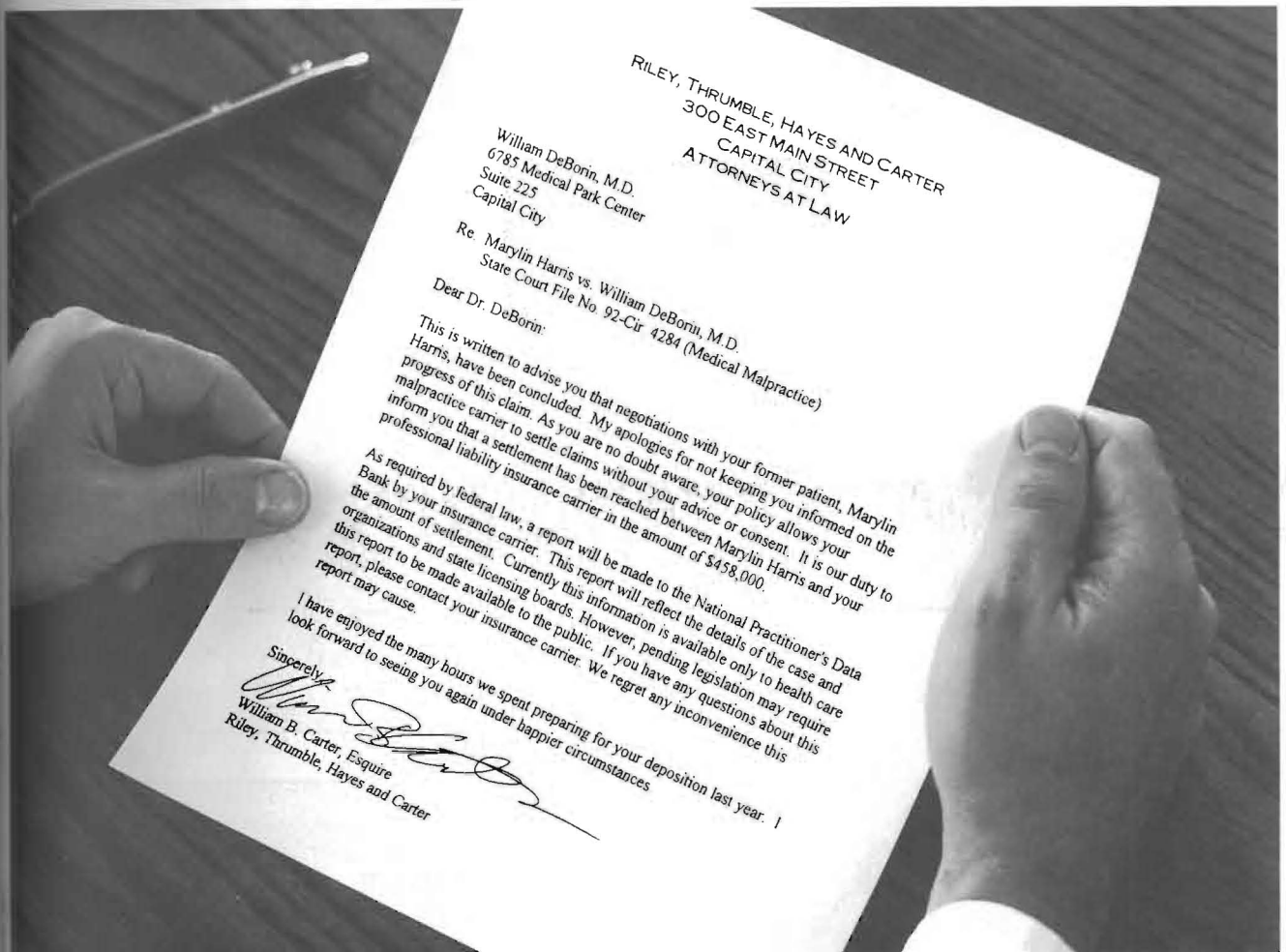
Although I have been practicing in the Valley for over 20 years, this is the first time that I have been exposed to these kinds of statistics. I strongly believe in the value of these statistics since they allow physicians of Mahoning County to appreciate where we stand presently, and also, what we may envision for the future. I commend Commissioner Stefanak for his presentation of these highly informative facts.

Furthermore, I would like to point out that the US Public Health Service, through its program "Put Prevention into Practice (PPIP)", has failed to recognize two key factors that are strongly contributing to the current mortality rates. These include deaths due to injury from violence, as well as those due to HIV infections, both of which I believe can be partially prevented through education and awareness. This is especially applicable to our community, which has been highly affected by several cases of death due to violence, and because of the fact that there are cases of HIV patients who, after contracting the disease, return home to the Valley to receive terminal treatment.

I feel that we need to consider these factors and their statistics in order to provide adequate information and education to our patients and their families. Violence and HIV infection are among the leading causes of death among our youth. These tragedies have a tremendous effect on the families within our community and the socioeconomic losses are immeasurable.

Sincerely,  
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# How Ohio's New Physician Assistant Law Affects You

JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE LAWS GOVERNING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (P.A.s) TOOK EFFECT, Ohio Governor George Voinovich has been presented with a second bill that reduces the expenses and paperwork to be borne by physician assistants and the physicians who supervise them. Both bills—Substitute Senate Bill No. 143 and Substitute Senate Bill 259, respectively—promise to bring changes to medical practices that rely on P.A. services, as well as to the State Medical Board's P.A. registration process. Here, in brief, is an overview of Ohio's new P.A. statutes and how they could affect you.

## Delegation to and Supervision of Physician Assistants

While the new law changes the title "physician's assistant" to "physician assistant," it does not alter the kinds of tasks a P.A. may ordinarily perform. The following duties are often delegated to P.A.s:

- Obtaining comprehensive patient histories;
- Taking patient histories, performing physical examinations, including pelvic, rectal, genital-urinary examinations when indicated;
- Initiating requests for and/or performing routine laboratory, radiologic and diagnostic stud-

ies as indicated;

- Assessing patients for development of treatment plans;
- Implementing treatment plans that have been reviewed and approved by the supervising physician;
- Providing patient education; and
- Assisting in surgery in a hospital setting.

Under previous law, employment of P.A.s was limited to any currently licensed physician who received Board approval. The new legislation expands that employment authority to permit institutional hiring of P.A.s, although they must still function under the supervision and control of an individual physician practicing within the parameters of a Board-approved P.A. utilization plan.

The level of supervision required is dependent on the tasks the P.A. undertakes and the practice setting. In every instance, however, the physician must always be available for consultation and direction.

Patients who are new to a physician's practice may only be seen by a P.A. when the supervising physician is actually on site, unless the Board-approved standard or supplemental utilization plan specifies otherwise. New patients and established patients with new conditions may be personally seen and evaluated by the supervising physician before any treatment plan proposed by the P.A. can be initiated.

Although a supervising physician may enter into supervision agreements with an unlimited number of P.A.s, he or she may not supervise more than two P.A.s at a time, and may not delegate tasks to a P.A. that are beyond the physician's or the P.A.'s expertise or normal course of practice. When a supervising physician authorizes a P.A. to practice in a facility's Emergency Department, the physician must always provide one-to-one, on-site supervision.

Anand G. Garg, MD, PhD



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## The P.A. Registration Process

The new legislation codifies a process for

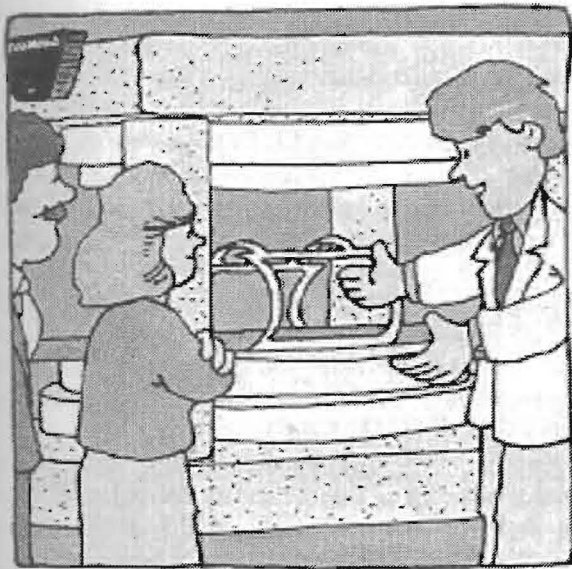
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obtaining authorization to supervise a P.A. that is similar to the process that the Board already had in place. The law now clearly specifies that the individual physician who chooses to utilize a P.A. is in charge of supervision and is ultimately responsible for patient care. Substitute Senate Bill 259 does establish a system under which a group may submit a utilization plan; nevertheless, every physician within that group must sign a statement approving its terms and agreeing to practice within its parameters.

The new legislation codifies a three-step process for obtaining approval for a P.A. to work under physician supervision.

### *Step I: The Physician Assistant*

The P.A. must hold a **Registration Certificate**. Any P.A. who holds a current, valid certificate from the National Commission of Certification of Physician's Assistants (NCCPA) may apply to the Medical Board for a registration certificate by submitting an application form along with a nonrefundable \$100 fee.

Once granted by the Board, the unique registration number issued by the Board continues to be assigned to the P.A. throughout his or her career in Ohio, regardless of employment status. A biennial renewal of the registration is required, whether or not the P.A. is currently employed. Each renewal application for registration must be accompanied by a \$50 fee. To be eligible for renewal, the P.A. must also maintain NCCPA certification and complete that organization's continuing education requirement.

The Board will also issue a temporary registration number to applicants who are scheduled for but have not yet taken the NCCPA examination. If the applicant fails the examination, the temporary registration can not be renewed. However, if the applicant succeeds in passing the examination, the Board will automatically issue full registration upon receipt of notice directly from the NCCPA.

### *Step II: The Supervising Physician*

A physician who desires to supervise a P.A. to submit a **Physician Assistant Utilization Plan** on a form provided by the Board. The plan must

include a practice description, a listing of the P.A.'s functions, and a quality assurance plan. In an effort to reduce processing time and enhance understanding between the Board and the physician supervisors as to how P.A.s may be used, the Board plans to develop model utilization plans for different types of practices, including emergency medicine, family practice, and surgery.

Each utilization plan submitted for Board approval must be accompanied by a fee of \$75 per physician, up to a maximum fee of \$750 for groups of ten or more physicians who are applying for identical plans. Once approved by the Board, the utilization plan does not need to be resubmitted for Board review at the time a P.A. is hired.

### *Step III: Employment of the P.A.*

When a physician who has obtained approval for a utilization plan and a currently registered P.A. wish to enter into an employment relationship, the physician need only notify the Board by filing a **supervision agreement** on a form provided by the agency. The form must be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$25 fee, and a biennial renewal of the supervision agreement is required.

The form previously utilized by the Board for supervision agreements has been significantly revised as a result of the new legislation to permit the signatures of multiple physician assistants and multiple supervising physicians on one form. The modifications are intended to reduce paperwork while accommodating large group practices. If and when the supervision agreement is terminated, both the supervising physician and the P.A. must submit written notification to the Board within two weeks, along with an explanation of the reason(s) for the termination.

The Medical Board wants to be certain the registered P.A.s are working within the guidelines set by approved utilization plans and are not involved in the independent practice of medicine. Accordingly, the Board's Quality Assurance Committee has instituted an audit process to assess compliance with approved P.A. utilization plans in order to achieve that goal.

Each month, one group practice and one



non-group practice that have utilization plans on file with the Board are randomly selected for review by a Board Investigator Supervisor. The Investigator Supervisor will make an unscheduled visit to the practice site to observe the P.A.'s activities and verify that the responsibilities of both the supervising physician and P.A., as outlined in the approved utilization plan, are being met. The P.A.'s daily patient load, the level of supervision, and the expediency of counter signatures will all be noted.

Group practices will also be evaluated for compliance with their approved quality assurance plan, including the mechanisms utilized following the group's QA review to ensure that identified deficiencies are corrected. The findings of the Investigator Supervisor are forwarded to the Board's Quality Assurance Committee for

assessment.

While the new physician assistant legislation promises to ease and expedite the registration process for all concerned, there will inevitably be a transition period between the old law to the new. During that time, general questions about the process should be directed to the Board's Public Inquiries Division. If you have any questions or concerns about a specific application, please call the Licensure Division. Both divisions can be reached through the Board's reception desk at (614) 466-3934.

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## A Look Back...

### Sixty Years Ago, May/June, 1936

There was a leading article that month on the lysis of bacterial cultures by a substance called Bacteriophage, first discovered in 1917. The world held high hopes for this new development, but it soon was noted that its activity was inhibited by many body fluids. **Dr. Henri Schmidt** also had an article on the Gonococcus Bouillon Filtrate and its action on inhibiting bacterial growth. All this research went by the board with the discovery of Penicillin by **Dr. Fleming** of England.



Area Heart Association. **John Noll** was elected vice-president. **Elmer Wenaas** was elected president of the Section on Ophthalmology of the Ohio State Medical Association.

The Youngstown Hospital Association dedicated the new Hitchcock Auditorium at the South Unit. At the Medical-Legal Banquet, there were five members of the **Bennett** family: the Judge, his brother, **Dr. Wendell Bennett**, Attorneys **James and Franklin Bennett**, and **Dr. Hugh Bennett**. New members at that time were **Raymond Boniface**, **Jack Malkoff**, and **James Sofranek**.

### Fifty Years Ago, May/June, 1946

President **E. J. Reilly** reported that Post-Graduate Day drew attendance from 15 towns in Pennsylvania and 35 in Ohio. All came to hear a group from Johns Hopkins. The leading article that month was a concise and comprehensive account of "Laboratory Aids in Anemia" by **A. E. Rappoport**. The service records of **W. E. Sovik**, **Milton M. Kendall**, **Joseph J. Sofranek, Jr.**, and **H. E. Chalker** were published. All had outstanding records of performance. **Luke Reed** returned from Japan and opened his office. **Herman Kling** moved to Albuquerque and left the Medical-Dental Orchestra without a drummer.



### Thirty Years Ago, May/June, 1966

Editor **Robert Jenkins** reported that the members' interest in the affairs of the Society was more keen than in the past. Attendance at the meetings had improved and the fragmentation of opinion had practically disappeared. The May meeting was devoted to a discussion of Medicare, due to be inaugurated in June.

**David Beynon** attended a urology course at the Cleveland Clinic. **A. E.**



Robert R. Fisher, MD



*Robert R. Fisher MD*

### Forty Years Ago, May/June, 1956

President **G. E. DeCicco** urged all physicians to have regular physical examinations and give a little attention to their own health. **John Rogers** was elected president of the Youngstown



**Rappoport** presented a paper on Electronic Processing of Laboratory Data at the Pathologic Conference in Hawaii. **J. J. Turner** was in Houston working with **DeBakey** and **Cooley**. **John McCann** was honored by the Ohio State Medical Board for his 21 years of service. New member at that time was **R. J. Meader**. **Leonard Green** and **Kenneth Lloyd** were called into military service.

### Twenty Year Ago, May/June, 1976

It was the year of the Bicentennial, the Spirit of '76. The Watergate investigation had finally forced President Nixon to resign. Gerald Ford had taken over the White House, and life went on. At the OSMA meeting in Cincinnati, **Jack Schreiber** was elected as a delegate from the OSMA to the AMA. **Leonard Caccamo** was the speaker at the 106th Annual Scholarship Dinner. **Dr. Patrick Fusco** passed away at the age of 81, after 35 years in the practice of medicine. New members at that time were **Muel Karmindro**, **Howard X. Kramer**, **Daniel W. Handel**, and **James M. Kline**.



### Ten Years Ago, May/June, 1986

There was no meeting in May, the meeting having been suspended because of the annual OSMA meeting in May. The subject of fee-splitting came up as a result of some litigious installations paying a "following fee" to the referring physician. It was not clear whether this was a local problem. The matter was referred to the OSMA. Coincidentally, the Ohio legislature was about to pass Substitute House Bill 765 which significantly increased the authority of the OSMA to discipline physicians.

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## In The News

**Dr. Dan Handel** was elected chairperson of the Ohio Medical Political Action Committee (OMPAC).

**Dr. Eric Chevlen** was appointed medical director of Hospice of the Valley.

**Drs. Henry Holden** and **Andrew Detesco** were selected as YYCA's "Men of the Year" in the following categories: Dr. Holden, medical; Dr. Detesco, volunteer.

The following elections/appointments were made at the OSMA Annual Meeting:

**Dr. Dan Handel** was elected an alternate delegate to the AMA, and was appointed chair of Resolutions Committee #1.

**Dr. Denise Bobovnyik** was appointed chair of Resolutions Committee #4.

**Dr. Chris Knight** was appointed a member of the Nominations Committee.

**Dr. John Kroner**, OSMA president, selected the physicians listed below to serve on current committees and task forces:

**Dr. Chet Amedia** - Task Force on Insurance Reform

**Dr. Anand Garg** and **Dr. Niranjan Patel** - Task Force on International Medical Graduates

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**Dr. Dan Handel** - Committee on State Legislation

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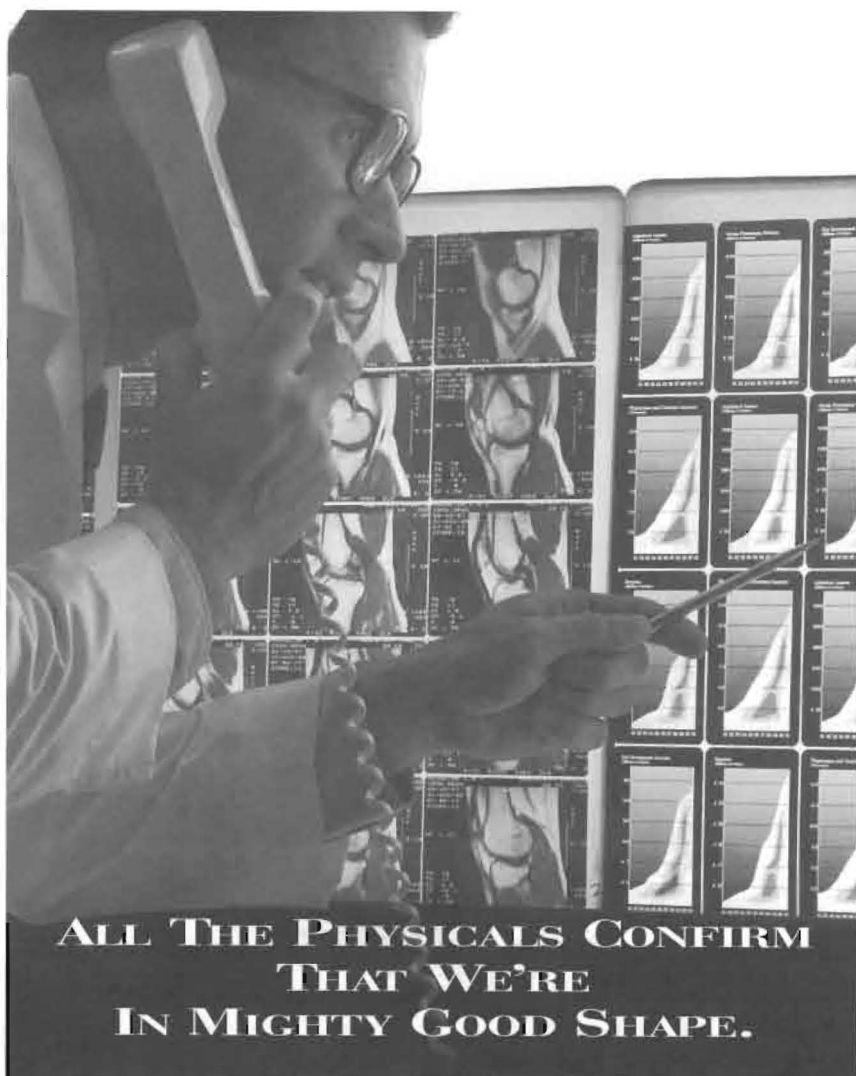
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For additional information, contact Joyce Burns at the Medical Education Department, WRCS, (330) 740-3574.

### Retired Physicians

Retired physicians from Western Reserve Care System meet on the third Thursday of each month at 12 noon for lunch at the Ground Round in Boardman.

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