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From the Desk of the President



DIVIDE AND CONQUER

The phrase "Divide and Conquer" is certainly not a new one. When used in military strategy it meant that the conquering force engaged in battle with the enemy using its full fire power (even if only lances, arrows and catapults) against only a fraction of the enemy's forces. In this way, a modest force can defeat an overwhelmingly larger force if it engages only a portion of this force at any single encounter.

With the large number of suits against small component organizations within the framework of the medical profession at large, resources (fire power) are being dissipated at a more rapid rate and individual capitulation becomes more the rule.

The government strategy of division and conquering seems to be extremely effective. The forces of organized medicine are divided and splintered. Each component force of this overwhelmingly larger force of over four hundred thousand physicians becomes easier prey for Federal, State or local government agencies to subdue because the government forces with their unlimited fire power (tax money) are taking on the components of divided forces (physicians) and their limited fire power (dues and assessments).

It was heartening for me to see the attendance at our emergency meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 22. We had over 130 members present. This represents four times the number necessary for a quorum to transact business. At least, a significant number of our membership shows concern and I believe rightly so. If our Society succumbs to the overwhelming forces of the attorney general of Ohio, many more of these dominoes will fall. The eyes of organized medicine are certainly upon us. How we go in pursuit of justice for us and our colleagues may very well determine the direction the rest of organized medicine may take! Certainly, this is no time for timidity. It was heartening to get the endorsement of our members to pursue justice even if it means a slight bit of financial hardship (in the way of assessment) to them. Our forces, if consolidated, would be difficult, if not impossible, for any adversary to conquer. Let us unite our splinter groups and meet the enemy with our full fire power.

—G. H. Dietz, M.D.
President



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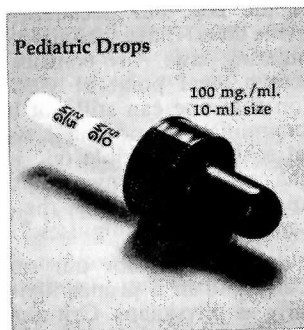
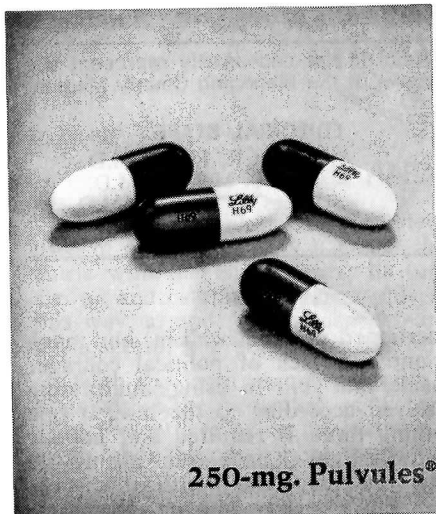
Recently Alexander Solzhenitsyn questioned our materialism, our manipulation of the law, our decadent art and our lack of political courage: "People in the West have acquired considerable skill in using, interpreting and manipulating law. Any conflict is solved according to the law. If one is right from a legal point of view nothing more is required and nobody may mention that one can still not be entirely right. I have spent all my life under a communist regime and I will tell you this, society without any objective legal scale is a terrible one indeed. But a society with no other scale but the legal one is quite unworthy of men either. Wherever the tissue of life is woven of legalistic relations, there is an atmosphere of moral mediocrity, paralyzing man's noblest impulses."

These are thoughts for our serious consideration and they should be taken critically and in a proper light. These apply to all of us as individuals and especially as physicians. Criticism of our lack of political courage should stimulate us all to become involved and activists in the political scene, be it in our interests in legislation concerning national health or our foreign policy. We should make our voices heard and we should take it upon ourselves to contact our congressmen and senators concerning any pertinent issues. Whatever legislation concerning national health that is passed within the next six months, we will have to live with through the next generation. It is imperative, especially at this time, that each individual physician be an active participant in the political process.

National health might do harm by re-enforcing public acceptance of the "no fault principle" that discounts personal responsibility for health. Today much illness is willful in the sense that it results from foolish living habits by people who have a duty to know better. Today insurance plans spread the burden by paying for illness, the prudent and dutiful are paying heavily for the irresponsible. Behavior has much more to do with how long and healthfully people live than our investment in medical treatments. People should be told that they are responsible and that health care is their duty not the government's!

—Dean J. Limbert, M.D.
Editor

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**(Excerpts from June and August meetings)**

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 Nazim Jaffer, M.D. Raul E. Pedraza, M.D.
 Sai Che Young, M.D.

The applications were approved. The applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin* unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Tandatnick reported for the Constitution Committee. The constitution is now in printed, loose-leaf form for the first time in many years. A copy of the printed constitution has been sent to OSMA as required by that organization.

It was moved, seconded and duly passed that we buy a copy of the AMA film, "The Critical Difference." This movie will be shown at some future general Society meeting. It is anticipated that the film may be shown to various groups of the general public and physicians may be asked to volunteer to show the film at group meetings.

Notification of the establishment of an office for Physicians Peer Review Assoc., Inc. has been received.

Dr. Pichette announced a Sixth District meeting, called by OSMA, will be held Oct. 3rd at the Youngstown Country Club.

Mr. Rempes gave a summary of the OSMA Legal and Antitrust meeting for executive secretaries and attorneys, held at Columbus, July 20th.

Attention was called to an organization named International Rehabilitation Associates, Inc. which apparently contacts and works with patients. A letter from one of our members alleges that the organization did not contact physicians. Council will seek more information about the matter.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. VUKSTA

Our congratulations to Dr. Michael Vuksta, recipient of the 1978 Ohio Outstanding Team Physician Award. It was a privilege for me to attend the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Banquet in Canton on Aug. 3rd, and to make the presentation of this much deserved award. The citation read of his accomplishments over many years of dedication to sports medicine. He is a credit not only to the entire Youngstown Community, but to our Mahoning County Medical Society as well.

Again - - Our Congratulations, Mike!

—G. H. Dietz, M.D.

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In Memoriam

JOHN F. STOTLER, M.D.
1915 - 1978

Dr. John F. Stotler, 62, died on Tuesday, June 20, of heart failure at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, following an illness of eight months.

Dr. Stotler was born in Youngstown. He was a graduate of St. Columba School and the Rayen School. He attended Ohio State University, and received his B.S. degree from the University of Chicago. In 1940, he earned his medical degree from Rush Medical College of Chicago U. He was an intern at Gallinger Hospital, Washington, D.C., and received a fellowship in surgery at the Mayo Clinic in 1941, specializing in thoracic surgery.

In 1945 he came to Youngstown to open offices in the Mahoning Bank Bldg. He worked with Dike Beede as team physician for Youngstown State University for many years. He was appointed to the board of the Mahoning Tuberculosis Sanatorium in 1951 and served as president in 1955 and 1956. In 1959, he was the first physician named to the Youngstown Board of Health and was president pro tem, 1963-64.

In 1964 he organized the summer school program at St. Elizabeth's called "Introduction to Careers in Medicine." He was Chief of Surgery at St. Elizabeth's for two years, and represented the hospital for several terms as a trustee of Associated Hospital Service.

Dr. Stotler was a member of the American College of Abdominal Surgeons, the Mayo Alumni Association, and was a member and past-president of the Chesterton Club. He was a member of St. Columba Cathedral.

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BERNARD M. SCHNEIDER, M.D.
1915 - 1978

Dr. Bernard M. Schneider, 62, died on Friday, August 11, following a long illness.

Dr. Schneider was born in Cleveland, where he attended school, graduating from John Adams High School. His B.A., M.A. and M.D. degrees were earned at Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1940. Following an internship at Cleveland City Hospital, he took a medical residency at Youngstown Hospital Association. He was a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, 1942-1946.

In 1946, he came to Hubbard, where he practiced until his retirement in 1975. He was physician for the Hubbard football team. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Psi honorary science fraternity, the President's Club of Ohio State University, and was a life member of the OSU Alumni Association.

He was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, a life member of the Board of Trustees of the Hubbard Public Library, and was a past-president of Rodef Sholom Temple.

AMA PRESIDENT WAS MCMS SPEAKER

Tom E. Nesbitt, M.D., Nashville, was installed as the AMA's 133rd president at the annual convention in St. Louis last June. In May, 1976, Dr. Nesbitt came to Youngstown and gave an outstanding address to members and wives at the regular meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.



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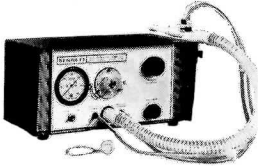
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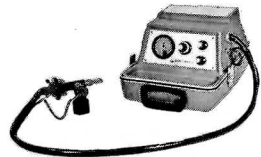
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This free voluntary program is being established in Mahoning County by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), so that emergency crews going into a home will know in advance where they can quickly get information which may save a person's life.

The refrigerator has been designated as the one common location for placement of the vials since almost everyone has such an appliance; its location is readily apparent; and, in the event of a fire the interior of the refrigerator is the most secure place.

Cooperating with RSVP in this program as cosponsors and whose employees will be trained in the Vial of Life procedure are: AID, American, Clemente McKay, Gold Cross, Higgins, Kirila and Lane Ambulance Services; City and County Fire Departments; City and County Police Departments; and the Mahoning County Sheriff's office.

All the cosponsors will use green seals affixed to their vehicle dashboards to serve as a reminder that a vial may be in use when answering citizens' calls. All person utilizing the vials will also attach a smaller green seal to the outside of the refrigerator door, again as a reminder.

All updating of medical information must be done by the individual.

The major source of the vials has been St. Elizabeth's Hospital as it is the only hospital in Mahoning County which utilizes the specific type of vial necessary.

The AMVETS of Mahoning County are assisting in the distribution of vials. Places where persons may obtain the free Vial of Life are:

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Sebring Civic Center

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RSVP Office

Senior Information and Referral Center

Union Bank (main office and all branches)

St. Dominic's Church

Adult Day Care Center

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Struthers Manor

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Bethel Lutheran Church

The Visiting Nurse Association, Special Outgoing Service of the Library, Meals on Wheels, and the Youngstown Society for the Blind and Disabled will deliver vials to their homebound clients. The Senior Information and referral Center will make deliveries only to senior citizens not receiving the above services.

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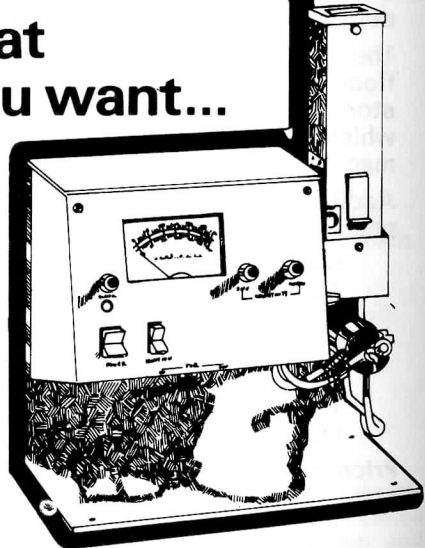
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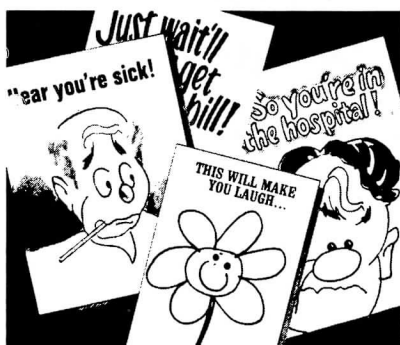
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Dr. E. H. Young had an article on the "Treatment of Poisoning". He emphasized the treatment of shock and anoxemia as well as specific antidotes.

Dr. S. J. Goldblatt was studying obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Chicago. Fred Coombs was back from three years at the Massachusetts General. J. P. Harvey was in Boston studying heart disease with Dr. Paul White.

L. W. Weller attended the interne's reunion at Henry Ford Hospital and the fellowship reunion at the Cleveland Clinic.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1948

Dr. Frances Gambrel was resident in obstetrics and gynecology and Donald Dockry was resident in surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Dr. Harold Reese had an interesting article on "Hycodan" the first codeine derivative.

At the golf meet with the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, Dr. Frank Bellino won with a score of 79. Dr. E. J. Wenaas was second with 84. Prizes were won by G. M. McKelvey, Sam Tamarkin, W. H. Welsh, W. H. Bunn and S. J. Ondash.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1958

President Detesco proposed forming a committee made up of past presidents of the Society. The function of the committee would be to meditate on the larger problems of medicine and make recommendations to Council.

Leon Bernstein's lecture to the Youngstown Hospital Staff on "Hypnosis" was a featured article. Earl H. Young and Simon W. Chiasson were joint authors of "The Practical Application of Hypnosis". Frank Gelbman wrote about "A New Medical Emergency" and made suggestions for the treatment of a person who failed to waken from a hypnotic trance.

Dick Gross was hospitalized in California with meningitis. Dr. Louisa Cervone died. She was the first practicing woman physician in Ohio. Dr. Waldo Z. Baker died after forty years of general medical practice.

Mr. Howard Rempes was hired in August as the first full-time Executive Secretary of the Medical Society. It was an excellent choice. On September 1, they moved into new offices in the Bel-Park Building.

TEN YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1968

The Medical School Committee, spearheaded by Dr. Leonard Caccamo, launched a fund-raising campaign to defray the costs of a feasibility study to bring a Medical School to Youngstown State University.

The Heart Association Work Evaluation Unit under the direction of Dr. Frank Tiberio and Dr. A. V. Whittaker were handling three patients a week.

Dr. Wayne B. Hardin died after a long and valiant fight against cancer of the larynx. Dr. Harold Reese, immediate Past-President, became Director of Student Health Service at Central Michigan State University. "S. Q. Laypius" observed that hospitals are no place for sick people.

—Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

MORE NEOUCOM APPOINTMENTS

Additional clinical faculty appointments have been approved by the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Those from Mahoning County are:

Alexander Calder, M.D.	Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
David H. Levy, M.D.	Instructor of Family Medicine
Ikuo Maeda, M.D.	Assistant Professor of Orthopedics
James A. Lambert, M.D.	Assistant Professor of Surgery
John T. Turner, M.D.	Associate Professor of Surgery

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LETTER

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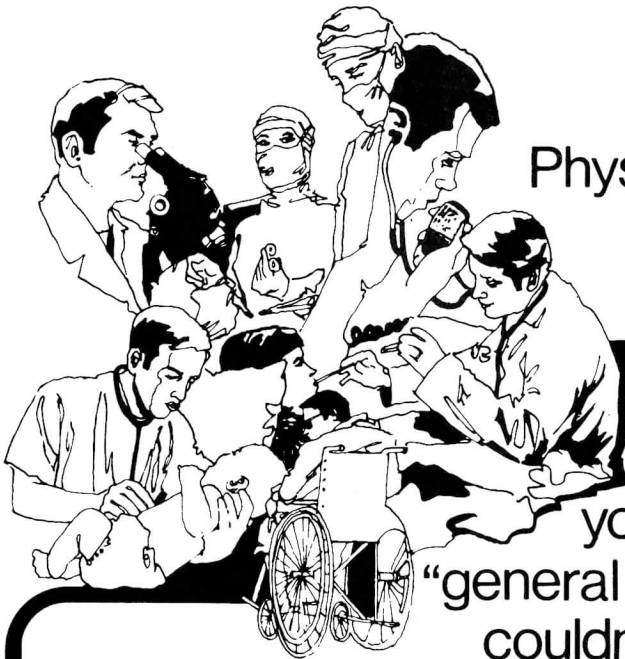
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