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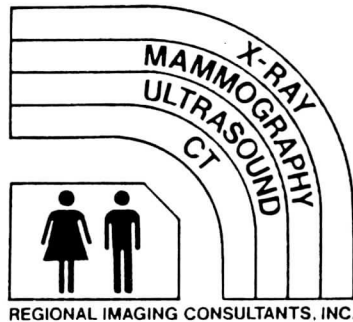
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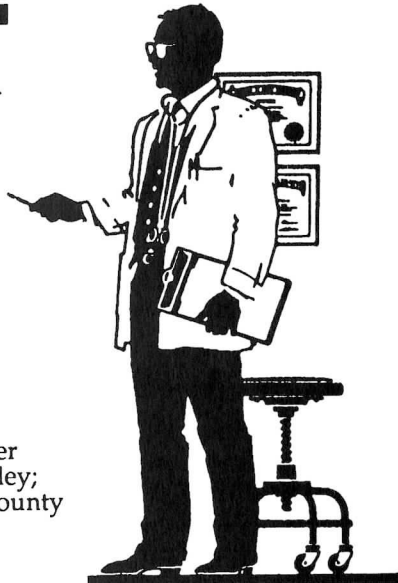
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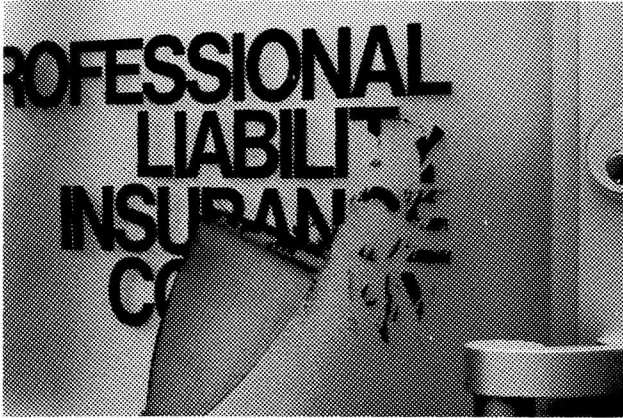
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As most of you know, our friend and colleague, Dr. Jim Anderson, has been nominated for the office of president-elect of the Ohio State Medical Association. The following letter has been sent to all OSMA delegates to the annual meeting to be held the first weekend in May in Dayton.

Dear Colleague,

It has been almost fifty years since a physician member of the Mahoning County Medical Society has been honored by being elected President of the Ohio State Medical Association. In 1940 Dr. William M. Skipp, a well known Youngstown surgeon, assumed that high office and served with distinction. This year the physicians of Mahoning County are again proud to present for your consideration, a candidate equally distinguished and qualified to serve in this esteemed office.

Dr. J. James Anderson is completing his eighth year as Sixth District Councilor and has been a member of the House of Delegates since 1975. He has served on the Legislative Committee of the Ohio State Medical Association and is presently chairman of the Committee on Auditing and Appropriations.

A native of Youngstown, the grandson of a physician and the father of a medical student, Dr. Anderson has prioritized his commitment to excellence in medicine and the betterment of the community where he resides. He is a past president of the Mahoning County Medical Society, having served on its council for twenty years and has been active in numerous volunteer and community organizations.

He has been established in the private practice of pediatric medicine since 1961, is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics, a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. While serving as president of the Youngstown Hospital Association Clinical Staff, and Chief of the Division of Pediatrics, Dr. Anderson demonstrated his organizational abilities and leadership qualities, which, experience, in addition to serving as Councilor, has prepared him to assume the office of president-elect of the Ohio State Medical Association.

The Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society unanimously endorses the candidacy of Dr. J. James Anderson for president-elect and asks for your support for Jim, and your vote for the future of medicine in Ohio.

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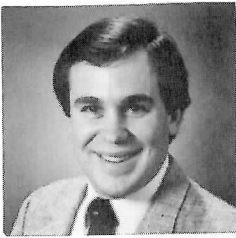
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From the Desk of the Editor

On Rainy Days

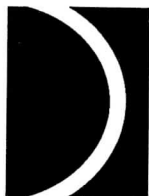
In the beginning the skies were clear. Then small clouds whisked lonely in the winds and shadows were cast upon the ground. The clouds then grew in strength and combined with other clouds until their purpose became electrofied. Finally, they rained their guts onto the land, changing its character and carrying its vital components down newformed streams and rivers to collecting points. From there the rain returned to its maker to begin its terror all over again. Man came upon the land and built shelters to protect himself. The rains are relentless, though and self-feeding.

Many men then came upon the land and built their shelters. And like the clouds, they learned that forming a coalition is the secret of power. It then took on a new meaning. Not only could the shelter be made stronger but vitality and growth could occur under its roof. A division of labor formed and each component became important for survival.

But man was different than his attackers. He could think. He wasn't a wild fury. So he chooses a leader to assure the progress he makes.

Mahoning County and the Sixth District have been blessed with a dedicated leader, Dr. J. James Anderson, who will, if elected, insure the structure and with this guard against the constant barrage of intervention groups whose purpose is to tear down the infrastructure of the system.

The clouds and the rains are here to stay. Once formed they feed upon themselves. Shelters are temporary and are under constant repair. No man could do it alone. "United we stand; divided we fall"!



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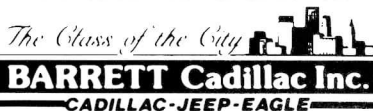
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Proceedings of Council

MARCH 14, 1989

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, March 14, 1989 at the Moonraker Restaurant.

The president, Dr. Wieneke, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published.

The treasurer's report was given and motion carried authorizing the payment of bills as listed with the agenda. The membership report listed 339 paid members. Of this total, 15 were non-resident members. Fifty-one members have not yet paid 1989 dues and are classified as delinquent.

The following applications for membership were presented:

ACTIVE: James N. Kvale, M.D. ASSOCIATE: Hi Moon Ahn, M.D.

The applications were approved and the applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category 15 days after their names have been printed in the March issue of the Bulletin that is mailed to all members, unless an objection is received in writing by the executive director before that effective date.

Communications included: Youngstown Right to Life Inc.; Association for Freedom to Die; OSMA Key Contact Program; State Medical Board Guidelines on Physical Examinations; Youngstown State University Science Day; Inquiry on policy regarding Associate to Active status in MCMS; Appreciation note, Dr. Sovik.

An article announcing the OSMA Key Contact Program will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Motion carried to refer policy on Associate to Active membership to the By-Laws Committee.

A notice announcing the YSU Science Day April 8, 1989 and the need for judges will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin. Motion carried to contribute an award for the Junior level and the Senior level of the Science Fair. Dr. Carter, a past judge, will serve as a judge again this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aids Awareness

Sixty-four reservations were received for the March 21, 1989 meeting. A phone committee will remind members of the meeting.

Scholarship Recognition Dinner

Letters have been sent to principals of area high schools. Mrs. Patricia Vivo has been invited as the speaker. Volunteers are needed to serve as host couples for the evening.

SIXTH DISTRICT COUNCILOR

Dr. Anderson reported on the AMA Leadership Conference. He also noted that announcements would be sent for the 6th District Caucus meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 26, 1989 at Youngstown Country Club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Professional Liability Insurance tabled to April 11, 1989 Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Council unanimously approved the combined November 1989 Society/Auxiliary meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Society/Auxiliary Meeting - March 21, 1989, Wick Pollock Inn.

Council Meeting - April 11, 1989, Youngstown Club.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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He was born in Russia on January 31, 1903 and came to the United States in 1906

He attended Market Street School and South High School and received his undergraduate & medical degree from The Ohio State University and its School of Medicine, ending his formal education in 1927.

He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital in 1927-1928. He served his residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City between 1928-1930 returning to Youngstown in 1930 to become, with Dr. John Heberden, the founder of the Department of Radiology at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was Director of that Department from 1936 to 1970 when he retired, having supervised a great deal of the expansion of that Department in those years.

Saul was many things to many people. He was a loving and faithful husband to Zelda. He was a caring and exemplary father to his children, Norman and Bryn. He was a good citizen partaking of his duties to his temple and community with zeal and generosity. He was a good member of an illustrious family - the Tamarkin family.

To those of us who knew him professionally he was a competent and compassionate physician who was never too busy or too tired to help all who needed it.

To me - he was all of this and more. He was an image to be followed, a mentor to be listened to, a friend to be cherished. I shall miss him greatly.

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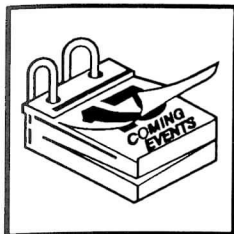
L to R: Nancy Newman, Dr. Ronald Fletcher, Anthony Mantia, Karen Gierscher.

Panel Discusses Disposal of Waste

The combined Mahoning County Medical Society and Auxiliary meeting held at the Wick Pollock Inn on March 21, 1989 featured the program "Disposal of Medical Waste - Guidelines for Physicians." Panelists included: Dr. Ronald F. Fletcher, Director, Ohio Department of Health; Nancy Newman, Supervisory, Industrial Hygienists, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; Anthony Mantia, District Sales Manager, Waste Management Inc., Medical Services; and Karen Gierscher, District Sales Manager, Browning Ferris Industries, Medical Waste Systems, Inc. Dr. Chester A. Amedia Jr., chairman, Aids Awareness Committee served as moderator.

Discussion centered on Senate Bill 243, which regulates the disposal of infectious medical waste in Ohio. It was noted that Ohio's law established a separate set of standards for small generators of infectious waste (less than 50 pounds per month). Most physicians are considered "small generators" of infectious medical waste, since the only type of infectious medical waste, under Ohio's program, they have are "sharps" and "cultures." The small generator is required to contain sharps and to disinfect cultures prior to disposal.

The CME program was planned by the MCMS AIDS Awareness Committee in cooperation with MSAHEN.



St. Elizabeth Hospital - CME

May 5, 1989 **PSYCHIATRY**
DAVID SEUNG-IL RUE, M.D., Staff Psychiatrist, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, a **MERRELL-DOW** Visiting Fellow, *"Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders"*

May 12, 1989 **RHEUMATOLOGY**
THOMAS ROMANO, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.B., Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, a **BOOTS** Visiting Fellow, *"Diagnosis and Treatment of Fibrositis"*

May 19, 1989 **MEDICAL ETHICS**
H. TRISTRAM ENGELHARDT, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Department of Medicine and Community Medicine, Member, Ethics, Medicine and Public Issues, Baylor College of Medicine, Houton Texas, *"Allocation of Scarce Intensive Care Resources"*

May 26, 1989 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**
PATRICK JAYNES, Ph.D., Adjunct Faculty, Department of Medical Technology, Youngstown State University, Director of Laboratories, DeYor Laboratories, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio, Program Supported by DeYOR, *"Toxicology Screening: Indications and Pitfalls"*

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From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 1939

Excerpts from a paper on "Medical Management of Peptic Ulcer" by Dr. L.S. Shensa: "Despite some opinions to the contrary, Belladonna or Atropine are the most satisfactory antispasmodics...Among the many forms of treatment, Sippy diet, alkali regimen together with the use of sedatives still rank the highest...Treat

the patient together with the ulcer...Do not temporize with hemorrhage or perforation."

New members that month were Milton M. Yarmy, John S. Goldcamp and M.M. Szucs. J.P. Harvey was recovering from an appendectomy.

FORTY YEARS AGO MAY 1949

Excerpts from an article by Milton Yarmy on "Practical Diabetes Management": "The most important factors in the control of the patient are the relief of symptoms and avoidance of coma or shock, with shock the more likely to occur...Emotional outbursts and personality changes in diabetic children should be attributed to insulin until proven otherwise...Too much insulin is a more serious hazard than too little."

New members that month were: Durbin T. Yoder, Arthur E. Rappoport, James A. Patrick, Charles W. Stertzbach and Francis J. Gambrel.

THIRTY YEARS AGO MAY 1959

John McCann was re-appointed to his third term as President of Ohio State Medical Board by Governor DiSalle.

Al Geordan became a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology.

The Automotive Crash Injury Research Program conducted by Cornell University in cooperation with the local Traffic Department, the Hospitals and the Medical Society was nearing the end of a year. Every accident was reported in detail with diagrams, photographs and disposition of victims. Most of you can remember filling out those forms. I wonder if anyone looked at them or did anything about them? I never heard.

G.E. DeCicco was elected President of the Medical-Dental Bureau. V.L. Goodwin was Vice-President, H.B. Hutt Secretary and R.A. Hall, Treasurer.

Hugh Bennett was elected President of the Northeast Ohio Society of Internal Medicine; Leonard Caccamo was Vice-President and James Calvin was Secretary-Treasurer.

William T. Martin became a member of the Society

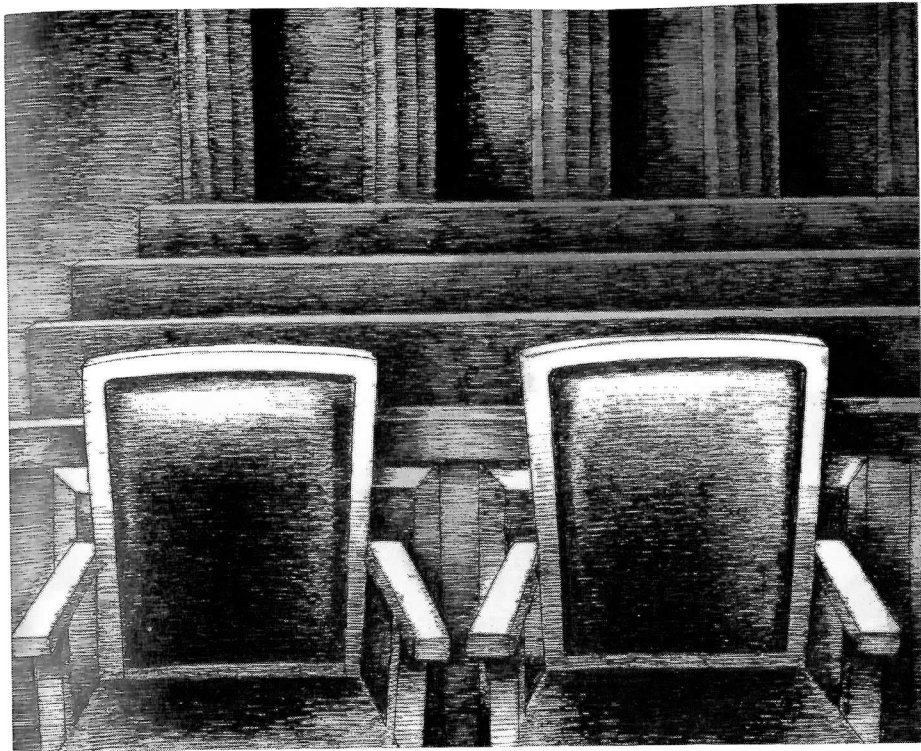
TWENTY YEARS AGO MAY 1969

Henry Shorr wrote a letter to the Editor complaining about boring meetings, poor speakers, and poor attendance. It was really a letter to himself since he was the Program Chairman. He welcomed any suggestions to bring the Society meeting back to life.

Dr. E.J. Reilly passed away at the age of 72. He was a Family Practitioner and was President of the Society in 1946, and President of the Mahoning Academy of General practice in 1948.

New members that month were Joseph I. Gonzales, M.D., and Charles H. McGowan, M.D., Dr. Robert Barton became an Associate Member.

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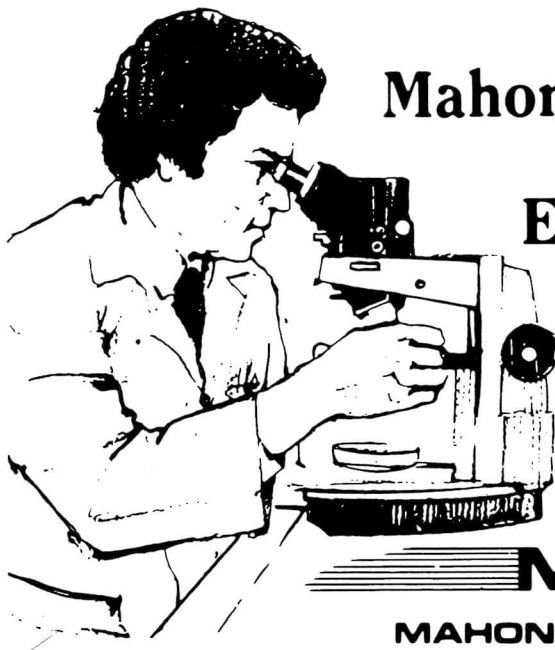


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The Art of Making Right

In the service sector, making things right in the face of complaints is called "recovery." It has several elements:

- **Detection.** Though some employees may want to stifle complaints, that's the wrong attitude. Complaints point out areas of discontent which you may have overlooked. Knowing about them gives you the opportunity to right a wrong.
- **Correction.** By righting the wrong, your practice presents itself more favorably to future patients. The recovery system thus helps improve your service.
- **Reselling.** By attempting to solve the problem your patient complained about, you "resell" that person on your practice's values. The recovery process retains a patient's loyalty, and the recovered patient is more likely to praise you to others.

The importance of recovery may seem obvious. But how can you make the principle actually work in your office? Here are some ideas.

1. **Managerial Emphasis.** The physician(s) and their manager/administrator are basically responsible. They must make clear to all employees that complaints are welcome. A staff member who swallows her pride, admits she's wrong (or at least understands the patient's complaint) and tries to handle each complaint effectively helps the practice. Your job as physician or manager is to make sure the staff understands this.

2. **Complaint Report.** You'll never know what to correct - nor how well you've fared in trying to correct it - if you don't have a written record of the complaints. So develop a simple printed form and *require* that each patient complaint be reported on it. The form

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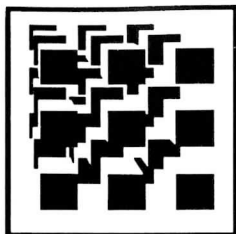
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should have a line entitled "Action Taken" so you can see how each complaint is handled. Make sure that each report is turned in to a designated person - perhaps the manager - to track the problems and their handling.

3. **Reparations.** Formalize a process by which each complaint receives some sort of special response. Whether it be 10% off the patient's bill, or a personal apology letter or phone call from the doctor or manager, the gesture helps save your patient's loyalty. Assign the reparations task to one person—probably your manager—so the gestures will actually occur.

Properly administered, service recovery strategies do more than just save face. Your patients feel more secure when they know your entire practice cares; their confidence and trust in you increases. And your staff benefits by having solid guidelines for concern, from which they feel pride in being part of a quality organization.

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May 2, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "*Low Back Pain*", Robert Brocker, Jr., M.D., Neurologist, Western Reserve Care System, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center

May 4, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., All Divisions - Surgery, "*Management of Pulmonary Complications in the Intensive Care Unit*" John W. Hoyt, M.D., Clinical Professor of Anesthesia and Critical Care University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Medical Director, Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit St. Francis General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center

May 4, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Pediatric Grand Rounds, "*CNS Toxicity of Pertussis Vaccine*", John S. Venglarcik, III, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, NEOUCOM, Director, Pediatric Infectious Disease, Tod Children's Hospital, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center

May 6, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "*Update on Cardiac Anesthesia*", John B. Werning, M.D., Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, NEOUCOM, Anesthesiologist, Western Reserve Care System, Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital

May 6, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Tumor Conference, Jose Lopez, M.D., Moderator, General Surgeon, Western Reserve Care System, Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center

May 9, 1989 - 6:30 a.m., Sports Medicine Lecture Series, "*Drug and Eugogenic Aid Problems*", Michael J. Vuksta, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, NEOUCOM, Director, Sports Medicine, Western Reserve Care System, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center

May 9, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "*Current Management of Traumatic Upper Airway Obstruction*" Richard D. Gentile, M.D., Otolaryngologist/Head and Neck Surgeon, Western Reserve Care System, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center

May 11, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Internal Medicine Grand Rounds - Harvey Lecture "*The Evolutionary Origins of Intercellular Communication: Possible Applications to Disease of Man*", Jesse Roth, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Director, Division of Intramural Research National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center

May 11, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Pediatric Grand Rounds, "*Hyperlipidemia in Children and Adolescents*" Alan Drash, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Director, Pediatric Endocrinology, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center

May 13, 1989 - 8:00 a.m., Anesthesiology Lecture Series "*Brachial Plexus Blocks*", Ramiro M. Albarran-Sotelo, M.D. Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology NEOUCOM, National Faculty for the American Heart Association Anesthesiologist, Western Reserve Care System, Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital

- May 13, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Tumor Conference, Raul Lopez, M.D., Moderator, Assistant Professor of Surgery NEOUCOM, General Surgeon, Western Reserve Care System, Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center
- May 16, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Emergency Medicine Lecture Series "*Rheumatic Fever*", Thomas Combs, M.D., Emergency Physician, Western Reserve Care System, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center
- May 18, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Internal Medicine Grand Rounds "*Gluten Sensitive Enteropathy*" Richard J. Marina, M.D., Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine NEOUCOM, Director, Gastroenterology Service Western Reserve Care System, Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center
- May 18, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Pediatric Grand Rounds, "*Infantile Apnea and Home Monitoring*" George A. Little, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Dartmouth Medical School, Chairman, Department of Maternal and Child Health Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, New Hampshire, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center
- May 20, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Anesthesiology Lecture Series "*Brain Protection*", Veeraiah C. Perni, M.D., Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology NEOUCOM, Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology Western Reserve Care System, Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital
- May 20, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Tumor Conference, Armin V. Banez, M.D., Moderator Assistant Professor of Surgery NEOUCOM, Director, Colorectal Surgery Service Director, Surgical Endoscopy, Western Reserve Care System, Hitchcock Auditorium - Southside Medical Center
- May 23, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Emergency Medicine Lecture Series "*Vertigo*", Emil S. Dickstein, M.D., Associate Professor of Internal Medicine NEOUCOM, Internist, Western Reserve Care System, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center
- May 27, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Anesthesiology Lecture Series "*Anesthesia for the Asthmatic Patient*" Madhavarao S. Dasu, M.D., Anesthesiologist, Western Reserve Care System, Tod Classroom I - Tod Children's Hospital
- May 30, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Emergency Medicine Lecture Series "*Pediatric Case of the Month Presentation*", Dale L. Kile, Jr., M.D., F.A.A.P., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine NEOUCOM, Coordinator, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Western Reserve Care System, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center
- June 1, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., All Divisions - Emergency Medicine "*Emergency Care of Venomous Snakebite*" George Podgorny, M.D., F.I.C.S., Associate Professor of Surgery, Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University Chairman, Section Council on Emergency Medicine of AMA Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- June 1, 1989** - 8:00 a.m., Pediatric Grand Rounds, "*Neonatal Cardiology for the Practicing Pediatrician*" Michael G. Saalouke, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, NEOUCOM, Director, Pediatric Cardiology, Tod Children's Hospital, Medical Education Center - Northside Medical Center

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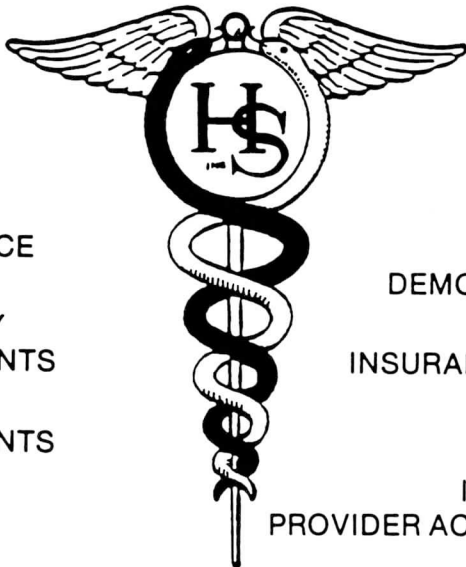
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Legislative Update

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILL UNDER CONSIDERTION

House Bill 222, authored by State Representative Ross Boggs, Jr. of Andover, is a bill negotiated between business and the AFL-CIO to reorganize the administration of Ohio's workers' compensation system. The measure would add oversight and more clearly delineate that the duties of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation are administrative and the duties of the Industrial Commission are adjudicative. Though broad in nature, some provisions of this bill are of concern to the OSMA. Those provisions include:

- Deleting existing language which states that the Bureau's level of payments to health care providers must be substantially equivalent to prevailing schedules of private and government health care insurers. The replacement language gives the newly-created Medical Section of the Bureau authority to set "standard medical fees" which is undefined in the bill.
- The bill prohibits physicians who accept assignment from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation from balance billing a claimant-patient for an amount in excess of what the Bureau establishes as payment.

The bill passed the full House of Representatives on March 16, 1989, and is currently before the Ohio Senate Commerce and Labor Committee for review.

The OSMA has met with leaders and members of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee in an effort to remove the objectionable language in House Bill 222, and will work toward a workers' compensation system which appropriately reimburses, allows patients free choice of medical providers, and controls the quality of patient care.

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The Art Auction sponsored by the Mahoning County Medical Society Auxiliary on Friday, April 7, 1989 was a great success. A profit of approximately \$5000.00 was raised. This money will be divided equally between the pediatric, oncology departments of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center and the Western Reserve Care System.

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The latest warning from the Public Health Service has to do with excessive exposure to radiation through diagnostic as well as therapeutic use of Roentgen Rays. This prompted both President Y.T. Chiu and Editor H.S. Wang to devote their editorials to the subject of radiation exposure. President Chiu wrote, "It is our duty to educate our patients to withhold all unnecessary x-ray examinations as much as possible..." Editor Wang wrote that Dr. E.C. Baker, one of the pioneers in x-ray technology in Youngstown, would be thrilled to witness the break-through brought about by the development of the CAT scanner with far less radiation exposure than in Dr. Baker's day.

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Dr. Jack Schreiber won first prize in the TV News category of the First Annual Physician Speaker Competition sponsored by the AMA.

The OSMA announced the dismissal of the lawsuit brought by the Ohio Attorney General's office, challenging the ownership of OMI by the OSMA. As a result, the Company was no longer controlled by the medical profession and you know the rest of the story.

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