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DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

Members of the Department of Pediatrics recently traveled to Galveston, Texas for a National Conference on Options for School Health. It was attended by Dr. Philip J. Porter, Judith Fellows, Marilyn Germano, Cynthia Gilbert, and M. Lucinda Wilke. Conference emphasis was placed on problem-solving relative to community-based school health care with the hope of developing relevant theoretical structures, setting objectives, and identifying methods of implementing school health care programs. The Cambridge group participated in a panel discussion on "Models for Implementing School Health Programs" and presented a paper entitled: School-based Primary Care Program for Children.

Cambridge Hospital's Pediatric Program is one of the most comprehensive of its kind in this country. A spokesman from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has communicated to Dr. Porter recognition of the Department's outstanding activities. The "Medical World News" magazine reported in its September issue that "the federal government is watching the Cambridge Program very closely as a possible model for pediatric services in a national health insurance program."

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Cambridge Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James C. McFarland as Chief of Medicine. He obtained his Bachelor (A.B.) and Medical (M.D.) degrees at Emory University and has served as Chief of Cardiology at Cambridge Hospital since 1972. He completed an internship, served as assistant resident in Medicine, and was active in teaching and research as a clinical fellow and senior resident in Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He served as a Major in the Army Medical Corps.

Dr. McFarland is a member of the Executive, Credentials, and Intensive Care Unit Committees and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School. As Chief of Medicine, he will be preoccupied with interdepartmental organization, setting priorities, and addressing the needs and interests of the Medical Staff. He hopes to balance the number of medical

specialists with more general internists in the area of adult medicine. Congratulations to Doctor McFarland.

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORIES

Data Processing Manager Bill McCarron reports that the Department of Pathology and Laboratories emphasizes accuracy and precision. Much attention is given to the reliability of laboratory tests, and to ensure such reliability, a range of two to five different methods may be used to check results. Mr. McCarron has witnessed major changes during his 14 years with the department. Of note is the arrival in 1970 of Dr. C.G. Hori followed by the innovative formation of the Institute of Laboratory Medicine and the recent installation of a computer system which has helped increase efficiency. The Institute is organized as a non-profit corporation which complements department activities and offers services to other institutions. The income generated by the Institute has allowed acquisition of materials and equipment, provided supplemental salaries, and elevated educational and scientific standards which the medical service and consumers have benefited from. Membership on a number of regulatory bodies such as the Food and Drug Administration, Communicable Disease Center, and American Association of Blood Banks and on-going review of tests and procedures reflect a strong effort in quality control. In a communication to the Hospital Director, Mr. MacLeod, the College of American Pathologists which conducts an annual and rigorous inspection cited the Department of Pathology and Laboratories for "a high level of medical laboratory performance." Recognition goes to the staff members of the Department of Pathology and Laboratories on a job well done.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Jean De Pasquale, Director of Volunteer Services, is pleased to report a successful summer volunteer program for 1976. Over 16,649 hours of service were rendered by Summer Youth Workers sponsored by either the Cambridge School Department Work-Study Program, Mayor's Summer Program, and Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's Summer Youth Program. Mrs. De Pasquale thanks Mr. Fulginitie, Work-Study Coordinator, Ms. L. Farina, Mayor's Summer Program Counselor, and Mrs. C. Garcia, C.E.O.C. Counselor, for all their cooperation and assistance in placing students and providing follow-up services. Of course, many thanks go to the youths of Cambridge for the wonderful job they have done.

RETIREMENT

Mrs. Grace M. Gutoski will retire at the end of October 1976, after 20 years of service at the Cambridge Hospital. She worked for 19 years in the Dietary Division before spending her twentieth year at the Information Desk. Mrs. Gutoski was selected as Miss Cambridge and Miss Massachusetts in 1925 and 1926 respectively. She is a member of the Cambridge Hospital Friends and a life-long resident of the city. She plans to travel upon leaving the hospital. Our best wishes to Mrs. Grace Gutoski.