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U. S. Hospitals Honored Next Week

**WE WANT YOU
IN THE PICTURE
OF HEALTH**



**MAY 7-13
NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK**

Next week, May 7-13, National Hospital Week and Duke will join with some 7,000 other hospitals throughout the nation in observing the event.

The entire May 12 *Intercom* will be dedicated to the several hundred health professionals who will be graduating from Medical Center educational programs that week.

National Hospital Week, an event sponsored annually by the American Hospital Association, provides hospitals with an opportunity to tell the public more about hospitals in particular and more about health care in general.

The idea was initiated in 1920 with a National Hospital Day that marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the woman credited

with establishing the modern profession of nursing. Miss Nightingale pioneered in concepts of hygiene and sanitation that are taken for granted today but which were revolutionary in her time.

Today, hospitals are passing another, and equally important, milestone, one exemplified by this year's National Hospital Week theme: "We Want You...In the Picture of Health." Long dedicated to bringing sick people back to health, hospitals now are assuming a new commitment—providing the framework for keeping *all* the people healthy.

That commitment means both a larger hospital role in maintaining the health of the people and a larger responsibility for assuring that health care is available to all.

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THE BOARD OF VISITORS—Those attending the April 21 meeting of the Medical Center's Board of Visitors, a group that meets here annually to assess programs and recommend for the future, delayed the start of their afternoon session for this picture. Seated left to right are: Miss Lucille Mercadante, visiting professor and consultant in nursing administration at the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn; Henry E. Rauch, chairman of the board and vice chairman of the University Board of Trustees; J. Alexander McMahon, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. June S. Rothberg, dean of Adelphi University School of Nursing. Standing left to right: Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs; Dr. Frank W. Putnam, professor of molecular biology at Indiana University; Dr. Mitchell W. Spellman, dean of the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School; Dr. William R. Pitts of Charlotte; Dr. Ben N. Miller of Columbia, S. C.; James R. Felts, Jr., executive director of the Hospital and Child Care Sections of the Duke Endowment; Richard J. Stull, executive vice president of the American College of Hospital Administrators; Dr. Martin M. Cummings, director of the National Library of Medicine; and John M. Russell of New York City. *(photo by Thad Sparks)*