



DUKE HOSPITAL AT NIGHT MAINTAINS A VIGIL FOR THE HEALTH OF ITS PATIENTS



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## 'The Night People'

Because need knows no hours, activity at Duke Hospital after 5 p.m. and before 6 a.m. doesn't depend on a clock.

The late-night accident victim or the patient on the ward cannot plan the times when the hold on life and health is the weakest. His needs are many and his resources are few, his ability to fend for himself impaired.

Throughout the night there are people who are answering the call. They are the "night people" and include physicians, nurses, dietary personnel, environmental service workers, pharmacists, technicians and medical records clerks to name but a few.

Their number is large and they work in the evenings for different reasons. Some work the late shifts because they have been asked to do so by their departments, some alternate with day workers on a regular basis and some work at night because they prefer to be active when things are quieter. Many jobs, such as tidying hall, clinic and office areas can only be done in the evening when the "day people" are relaxing at home or sleeping.

Whatever their reason, our hospital and our patients are thankful for their efforts. This week INTERCOM is saluting them.

*(Photos by David Williamson)*



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