

Professorship Set Up To Honor Kempner

The Department of Medicine has established an endowed professorship in honor of Dr. Walter Kempner, widely known as the creator of the "rice diet" program.

Dr. Andrew G. Wallace, a professor of medicine and chief of the Division of

Cardiology, has been named as the first holder of the endowed chair. Wallace is also an assistant professor of physiology.

Kempner, a member of the Duke faculty for 38 years, has attracted patients from all walks of life and from all parts of the world. Initially these were

patients with serious hypertension, and later the group included patients with diabetes and nephritis.

More recently the largest group of patients have had marked obesity with related medical and psychological problems. Kempner evolved a unique

dietary approach to the management of these diseases, with rice as a major ingredient because of its low protein and salt content. His achievements have been attributed to his professional competence, his charismatic and authoritative personality, and a team approach to patient care.

Kempner was brought to Duke by Dr. Frederic Hanes, who first met him while in Berlin visiting Dr. Otto Warburg, the Nobel laureate in biochemistry. Kempner came from a distinguished background, both of his parents having held professorships in medical schools in Germany. Warburg regarded Kempner as a man of extraordinary promise.

Eager to add a full-time medical investigator of outstanding competence to the Department of Medicine he then headed, Hanes offered Kempner an appointment which he eventually accepted, becoming the first salaried member of the Department of Medicine whose major responsibility was medical research. He remained on the faculty at Duke until his retirement in August 1972 and is now serving in a consultant capacity to the medical center.

The professorship established in his name has a twofold purpose—to honor Kempner by the appointment of an outstanding clinician-investigator to the endowed professorship; and to encourage additional support for the continuation of Kempner's special interests, notably the program of research in cardiovascular and nutritional diseases. In this way the Department of Medicine hopes to recognize in small part the contributions Kempner has made to his patients, to his field and to Duke University Medical Center.

The new Kempner Professor, Wallace, graduated from medical school at Duke in 1959 and completed an internship and residency at Duke. He spent two years from 1961 to 1963, at the National Heart Institute, then returned to Duke as an associate and chief resident in medicine.

Wallace became an assistant professor of medicine in 1964. He was promoted to associate professor in 1967, and in that same year was named director of the Myocardial Infarction Research Unit (MIRU).

In 1969 Wallace received the additional appointment of assistant professor of physiology. The following year he was made assistant director for graduate medical education at Duke.

Wallace became chief of the Division of Cardiology in 1970 and the next year was elevated to full professor of medicine.



Intercom

duke university medical center

VOLUME 21, NUMBER 14

APRIL 5, 1974

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

2 Faculty Members Named James B. Duke Professors



DR. ROBERT L. HILL

Two School of Medicine faculty members are among four who have been named to James B. Duke professorships, the highest academic honor the university bestows on its distinguished teachers.

They are Dr. Robert L. Hill, professor and chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, and Dr. Guy L. Odom, professor and chief of the Division of Neurosurgery.

The other two are Dr. Craufurd D. Goodwin, professor of economics, and Dr. Arlin Turner, professor of English. Their appointments to the distinguished professorships were announced by University Provost Frederic N. Cleveland.

All four were honored at a dinner Wednesday night. Also among those honored at the dinner was Dr. Andrew G. Wallace, who has been named Walter Kempner Professor of Medicine (see related story on this page.)

Odom is an internationally known neurological surgeon. A graduate of Tulane University Medical School, he came to Duke in 1943 after completing internships and residencies in several neurological specialties at East Louisiana State Hospital and at Montreal Neurological Institute, and then teaching neurosurgery a year at Louisiana State University.

Professor of neurosurgery at Duke since 1952 and chief of the division since 1960, Odom was elected president of the

American Academy of Neurological Surgery in 1967. He became president of the American Board of Neurological Surgery three years later.

In April 1971, he was elected president of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, largest of the professional bodies in that field.

He received the Neurosurgeon Award of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery, and the American Board of Neurological Surgery's Distinguished Service Award in 1972.

Hill is a specialist in protein and
(Continued on page 2)



DR. GUY L. ODOM

Pharmacy Seminar To Begin Today

The Department of Pharmacy is hosting a seminar on "Current Topics of Interest to Hospital Pharmacists." Milton Skolaut, director of the pharmacy, will act as coordinator.

The seminar is being conducted today and tomorrow at the Governor's Inn in the Research Triangle Park from noon-6 p.m.

Approximately 125 pharmacists will be attending the seminar from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Speakers from Duke include Dr. William J. Murray, associate professor of anesthesiology and Jeff H. Steinert, assistant vice-president for health affairs-business and finance. Murray will discuss the bioavailability of drugs from a physician's viewpoint. Steinert will discuss the impact of cost controls imposed by the federal government and how pharmacists can comply with them.

Other speakers will be Dr. Robert K. Chalmers, professor of clinical pharmacy at the School of Pharmacy, Purdue University; Dr. William E. Smith, director of pharmacy and central services, Memorial Hospital Medical Center, Long Beach, Calif., and William Hotaling, director of pharmacy services, Children's Hospital of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

The intention of the meeting is to discuss in depth some of the major problems facing pharmacists practicing in hospitals today. This seminar is unique in that these subjects are generally not covered in routine pharmacy programs.

Hospital Statistics Reveal Growth

If the average adult were given all the laundry that Duke Hospital washes in a year, he wouldn't have to go to the laundromat before October of 6544 A.D. That's assuming he used approximately 2.5 pounds of laundry each day.

At current prices for self-service washing and drying—say 50 cents per 10-pound load—the 4,170,624 lbs. would cost him in excess of \$208,500, not to mention rent on the train which would be required to get to the coin-munching machines.

If the same fellow were to eat all the food which is prepared yearly by Duke Hospital's dietary department—1,411,980 meals—he'd be eating three times a day for the next 1,289 and a half years, provided, of course, he were to enjoy an unusually long life and owned a large refrigerator.

These figures are based on a report compiled by the hospital business office.

Other statistics show that 1,875 newborn babies first saw the light of day at Duke last year, an increase of 15 over the previous year.

There were 13,806 operations, down from 14,015 the year before.

Total outpatient visits increased from 346,418 to 370,371, and inpatient visits rose from 26,004 to 26,130, not counting the newborn.

The average length of stay for patients was 9.65 days, a slight decrease from the preceding year.

Patients underwent a combined total of 2,582,712 laboratory tests and received 204,098 X-rays.

The Emergency Department treated 34,175 people, an increase of more than 2,000.



DR. ANDREW G. WALLACE