



ONE OF TEN new operating rooms in the new wing is shown here. In addition, expanded surgical facilities feature such innovations as set-up and preparation rooms; an intensive nursing area for special care of patients most in need of attention; and lounges for operating room doctors and nurses.

Nursing Personnel Pleased With New Work Aids

By Miss Lelia Clark

We in Nursing are justly proud and pleased with our new wing which divides itself into three rather distinct areas, the Out-Patient Department, the Operating Room and the In-Patient Wards. In the planning stages considerable thought and effort was given to designing these units so the doctors, nurses and other personnel could carry on the various activities concerned with patient care, education and research to the highest possible degree. The completed wing speaks for itself.

Space does not permit the discussion of the many changes and innovations which mean so much to us in nursing, but we would like to mention a few which set this wing apart. High on the list is the comfortable, non-debilitating atmosphere provided for both patient and personnel by the air-conditioning system; the Medicine Room on each ward providing adequate space and the essential privacy necessary for the all important function of pouring drugs; the simple Inter-Communication System which affords frequent contact between patient and nurse; the concentrated work area which saves so many steps each day; the vitally important piped oxygen and suction in each room always ready for immediate use; Conference Rooms in each area; the spacious Operating Room Suite with its "ultra" ultra sonic unit and the spacious work areas in the Out-Patient Department.

We want to especially mention our Intensive Nursing Unit. Here the nursing care has been for the most part highly satisfying to our patients, doctors and nurses. In this unit the nurse not only has the time, generally speaking, but also the built-in equip-

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Patient Care, Teaching Facilities Improved

By Dr. Deryl Hart

The average Duke doctor in the average day of work in the hospital, including the new addition, will find that patients can be handled more efficiently with less crowding and that teaching of both medical and nursing students can be carried on more efficiently.

The addition to the hospital was planned to give much needed space and to provide a more compact unit for more efficient operation. The public and private clinics are all in juxtaposition or combined for greater staff availability with a saving of their time. The three floors for examination and treatment of ambulatory patients with registration and administration on the middle floor place all clinics within one flight of stairs above or below the centrally located general waiting room, laboratory, pharmacy,

and x-ray division. This arrangement along with smaller waiting rooms, class rooms and lockers for students in the individual clinics, will facilitate patient registration and distribution, laboratory and x-ray studies, consultations, the work of the students and staff, and permit more satisfactory instruction of both students and resident staff.

The new wards for private patients on the upper floors are in close proximity to the older wards. The service areas in the connecting wing are centrally located for the entire hospital and permit expansion of and at the same time better centralization of the kitchens, staff dining room, dining room for ambulatory private patients, and a serving kitchen for all private wards. The latter, designed for easy supervision and rapid handling of

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