

Question Box on the New Building

How will patients get to the Emergency entrance during construction?

There will be two phases in the construction. During the first phase patients will come from Erwin Road past the front of the hospital to Emergency and turn around there. A construction fence will block the road beyond Emergency. During this phase the new construction will be tied into the service tunnel.

During the second—and final—phase the road in front of the hospital will be closed, but the fence described above will be removed. Patients will come in the Ordnance Research Road, past the Engineering building, and on to Emergency. During this phase the connecting passageway A will be constructed.

Where will the passageway (unit A in the photograph) enter the hospital?

It will enter through the present Record Library. The roof of the passageway will be five feet above the present level of the ground in front of the hospital. This area will be filled and graded so it will be level with the passageway roof. This will make it level, also, with the hospital's present main lobby, and will allow patients to enter on the street level without having to climb any steps.

Will the Record Library have to move?

No. It will have most of its present space plus additional space to be built adjacent to it and to the passageway.

Will the present main lobby continue as such?

Yes, until some future time when a building is constructed over passageway A to combine the hospital and new building into one unit.

Will there be any additional parking space?

Yes. There will be some behind the new building, but it will be limited.

When the building and passageway are complete, how will you get from one side of the hospital to the other?

It will be possible, of course, to walk through. If you wish to drive, you will have to go around by Erwin Road.

Will this building be air-conditioned?

Yes, completely.

What about elevator service?

There will be two high-speed, self-service, passenger elevators with full provision for a third. There will be one freight elevator.

What employee facilities will there be?

There will be lounges for women on the second and fourth floors.

What kind of work will be done in the Gerontology Building?

The entire building will be devoted to various aspects of research in gerontological problems. Subjects of study will include both humans and animals, and experiments will range from the laboratory to the field.

One floor will be used for clinical studies of steroid metabolism and atherosclerosis. One of the major areas of emphasis is the central nervous system. Neuropathology, neurophysiology, neurosurgery, psychophysiology, and sociological studies will receive particular attention. In addition there will be conference and lecture space available to further both the research needs and the teaching aspects of the gerontological program.

Will any of the clinics move to the new building?

Yes. ENT will move to the first floor of the Diagnosis and Treatment Center. Space in the hospital now occupied by ENT Clinic will be used to expand the Eye Clinic.

Also moving to the Diagnosis and Treatment Center will be the Allergy, Gastroenterology, Renal, and Pulmonary Clinics.

What staff members plan to move?

A great re-shuffling of office and laboratory space will take place, and many long-time senior staff members

will move from the present hospital to new quarters. Space has been reserved, also, for offices for the future director of the Clinical Research ward.

I understand there will be a "Day Hospital" in the Diagnosis and Treatment building. What is a Day Hospital?

A fourteen patient Day Hospital (day-care Psychiatric Service) is planned. This service will occupy about two-thirds of the third floor of the Diagnostic and Treatment Building. Its physical facilities will consist of a large living-dining-kitchenette area, and adjoining Occupational Therapy area, a connecting nurses' office, and five additional offices for the psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, psychiatric social worker, psychiatric resident, and secretaries who will be working with the day-care patients. By providing the facilities and skilled personnel necessary for therapy on an 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. basis, the day-care service extends the psychiatric services of a medical center to those who require the benefits of psychiatric hospitalization, but are well enough to be outside the hospital part of the time. Family and other social contacts can be maintained for such patients and more rapidly integrated into the treatment. Long-term hospitalization can sometimes be averted by the use of such a facility in patients with relatively severe psychic disorders. Costs of psychiatric day-care treatment are considerably less than those for full-time hospitalization and can, therefore, be made available to a larger number of people.

What will be the function of the Clinical Research Center?

It will create new knowledge about diseases which are now ill-understood and poorly treated. Its ward of 20 beds will house patients with diseases which are being intensively studied by the staff with the intent of im-

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