

Let's Look at Pathology

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off the old elevator on the third floor amid the fresh paint and absence of white pots (replaced by space saving plastic bags), the newness is apparent. Office space, the secretarial pool, classrooms and conference rooms (all quiet and clean work) are concentrated along one corridor. A second corridor is devoted to the service laboratories (such as histology and surgical pathology), the autopsy room, cytology lab, radioisotope lab and central glass washing room. Out of the way of this day to day routine are the research laboratories and equipment.

Since the teaching of both medical students and house staff has always been a major effort of the pathology department, much thought has gone into an updating of this program. Most dramatic innovation in this line has been the introduction of television into the classroom. The idea of TV for teaching is a consuming interest of Dr. Markee of the department of anatomy. He and Dr. Kinney's department have worked together to make this and other visual aids an attractive addition to the curriculum. Circuits have been set up so that groups of students in the classrooms or conference room can watch an autopsy. (This is how they were taught initial autopsy procedure this fall before encountering their first autopsy.) They will be able soon to observe a procedure in the operating room, switch to the surgical pathology lab where a piece of tissue is examined and back to the operating room.

Another important aspect of the new teaching program is the incorporation of student and house staff into the research program. Each lab is set up to accommodate interested students. Dr. Kinney and his staff feel that since today's physicians must be more well-rounded than those of a few years ago, the early introduction of the student to complex laboratory equipment and procedures is all to the good.

Not only are students encouraged to participate in the use of the specialized research equipment, but so are

members of other departments in the hospital. It is one of the aspirations of the pathology staff that more and more joint efforts in research will be made with members of other departments.

And so we have had a brief look at this new-from-head-to-toe department. As Dr. Kinney points out, the three-fold purpose of the department remains unchanged: teaching, clinical services and research. But it is hoped that the latest equipment and the dedication of the new staff to the principle that every member shares equally the responsibility for proper functioning of the teaching program, clinical services and research will help develop a stronger department ready to make its contribution to the overall progress of the Duke Medical Center.

Magazines, Please

The Auxiliary's Magazine Service needs clean, used magazines for distribution on staff wards and in out-patient areas. Picture magazines and comics are popular; church publications, news magazines, and home magazines go well. Children's magazines are helpful in the clinic areas. Magazines should be reasonably up-to-date, and may be left in the office of the Director of Volunteers.

What People Are Saying

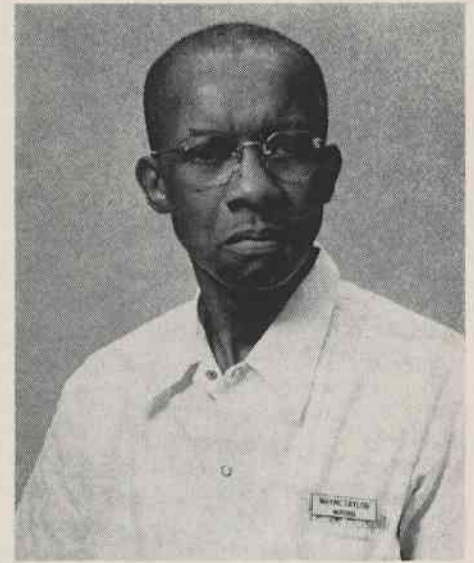
From a Florida patient:

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many favors extended to me on my recent visit to Duke University Private Diagnostic Clinic. The receptionist, nurse, technician and all other contacted personnel were most gracious and kind.

From a North Carolina patient:

I would like to say that I was particularly pleased with all attention and services I received. The Intensive Nursing Service is to be commended for the nurses they have on their staff. They are excellent.

Employee of the Month



WAYNE TAYLOR, who works as an orderly in Nursing Service, has been singled out for his outstanding service. At the Medical Center for 16 years, Wayne Taylor was employed on October 3, 1945.

Here are some of his work habits and traits of character that make him an outstanding employee. He does his work thoroughly and is completely dependable. He does more than is expected. He is pleasant to work with and very cooperative. He is proud of his work and always puts a little "extra something" into it.

Our congratulations to Wayne Taylor and a wish for continuing good health and happiness.

Let us remind our readers to nominate their candidates for Employee of the Month. The Employee of the Year will be announced in the June issue of InterCom.

Superintendent's Corner

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ance, greater demands and pressures will be placed on every segment of the Medical Center operation. It will require exceptional cooperation and understanding from each of us if we are to contend successfully with this situation in the years to come. We are here to serve our patients and this can be done best and easiest if we try to understand the problems that all our departments have in doing their jobs with limited space and personnel.