

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

Drive Underway

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Publishes Book

Dr. Chester M. Zmijewski, associate professor of immunology, has published a volume entitled "Immunohematology."

Gives Lecture

Dr. Arthur C. Chandler, assistant professor of ophthalmology, presented a lecture on "Ptosis" at the North and South Carolina Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Wilmington, N.C., on Sept. 21-24.

Participates

Dr. Nelson S. Teague, senior assistant resident in urology, presented his paper titled "The Effect of E. Coli on Human Spermatozoa" at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Atlantic City, Oct. 13-17.

Elected

Judy Cantey, physical therapist, was elected president of the physical therapy section of the North Carolina Public Health Association at the fall meeting of the group in Charlotte, Oct. 10.

Present Paper

Drs. Demmie G. Mayfield and Donald R. Fowler, both assistant professors of psychiatry, presented a paper at the 82th International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism Sept. 18 in Washington, D.C.

Their paper was titled "Diagnosed and Undiagnosed Alcoholism—excessive drinking in patients referred to psychiatrists."

Gives Talk

Dr. Peregrina Labay, assistant research professor in urology, gave a lecture on "The Scientific Concept of Uretal Inner-vention: Will It Become a Urologic Concept?" at the meeting of the New England section of the American Medical Association in Whitefield, N. H., on Oct. 14-16.

Attend Meeting

Three physical therapy department personnel were participants in the recent meeting of the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association in Raleigh. Mrs. Betsy Benny, of Duke was co-presenter of a discussion entitled "Introduction to Perceptual Disturbances and Their Relationship to Physical Therapy." Mrs. Genet Hutcheson, physical therapist, is the new chairman of the NCPTA official newsletter, "The Tarheel Journal."

Miss Diana van Dam, a PT student, presented her impressions of the national physical therapy convention in Chicago in July.

Program Director

Dr. Charles E. Llewellyn, head of psychiatric OPD, was the program director for the Inter-University Forum for Educators at the third session of the Community Psychiatry Meeting in New Haven, Conn., in late October.

Visiting Professor

Dr. Saul Boyarsky, professor of urology, was a visiting professor in urology at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Oct. 9-10.

A number of North Carolina medical organizations and other state groups have initiated a campaign to encourage state motorists to complete the health information sticker on the back of their drivers' licenses.

The purpose of the sticker is to provide vital information to policemen, ambulance attendants, hospital emergency room staffs and physicians in case of accident or emergency.

Organizations participating in the campaign include the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, the Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, the North Carolina Hospital Association, the Trauma Committee of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, the North Carolina Committee on Patient Care and the North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Inc.

North Carolina is the only state in the nation which has a medical questions blank on the backs of drivers' licenses.

"This is a very progressive step—one which can literally save the lives of our people," John K. Lockhart of Mt. Airy, chairman of the N. C. Committee on Patient Care, said. "However, it has been ascertained that this very forward-thinking innovation has proven less effective than it should be simply because many people ignore the opportunity to have this information immediately at hand in an emergency by not promptly filling in and attaching the sticker to their drivers' licenses.

"Often the stickers are lost, ignored, or absentmindedly discarded and never affixed to the license," Lockhart continued. "We hope this new educational program will help to remedy this situation."

Posters have been placed in all 210 drivers' license examining stations operated by the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of North Carolina. The posters call attention to the importance of the medical information sticker. They urge motorists to (1) stick them on their drivers' licenses, and (2) fill them out with the help of their family doctor.

The posters have also been placed in hospital emergency departments, and tent cards carrying the same information were distributed to state physicians by the Medical Society Auxiliary.