



NUMBER 900,000—Eight-month-old Savonia Powell, shown here with her mother, became Duke's 900,000th new patient in July. She received the 900,000th medical record number given out in Duke's 40-year history—number J00000. Young Miss Powell received a stuffed lion toy from the Duke Hospital Auxiliary to commemorate the occasion. (staff photo)

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Pharmacy Expands Services; New I-V Additive Program 'Effective'

The Duke Hospital Inpatient Pharmacy is now open from 8:15 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, according to Pharmacy Director Milton W. Skolaut.

This extends inpatient pharmacy services a total of 18 hours per week.

The extended service, which became effective July 6, "helps relieve the night supervisor of nurses from the responsibility of issuing drugs in emergency situations," Mr. Skolaut explained.

"This is just one step in extending good service to the hospital," he said. The eventual goal will be to "bring medication issuing, dispensing and control in complete charge of the pharmacy."

In conjunction with this change, pharmacy services in the Outpatient Clinic will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday as of July 27. This service was previously open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The extra hour of service will be particularly beneficial to people who come for refills, although new prescriptions will also be filled, Mr. Skolaut stated.

In other Pharmacy Services news, Mr. Skolaut reported that the new IV Additive Program being used on five medical wards has been "very effective."

Wards serviced are Osler, Hanes, Long, Cardiology and Minot. Under this program, drugs are added to the intravenous solutions by pharmacists and technicians in a special unit on Minot Ward.

IV additives were previously done in individual nursing stations. This new system relieves physicians and nurses from the responsibility.

Two advantages of the new system, according to Mr. Skolaut, are that "the unit's sterile atmosphere gives additional safety" and that "the compounding of individual sterile prescription drugs has been put back into the hands of the pharmacists."



IV ADDITIVE PROGRAM—Jack Pattisall, Duke Hospital Pharmacy intern, mixes a drug with intravenous solution in the new IV additive room on Minot Ward. The project is part of the pharmacy's program to expand services. (photo by Dave Hooks)

Hospital Heart Station Open 24 Hours Daily

The Duke Hospital Heart Station is now open 24 hours a day, according to its director, Dr. Joseph C. Greenfield.

The extension of services, previously available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., was done "to render better service in Duke Hospital," Dr. Greenfield said.

Another improvement at the Heart Station is use of new direct recording equipment. It allows doctors to get reports of EKG's in six to eight hours.