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## 200 Participating In Fourth Annual P. A. Conference

More than 200 people from throughout the nation are attending Duke's fourth annual Physician's Associate Conference which began yesterday in the Durham Hotel.

The central theme of the two-day session involves curriculum changes and program development of the Physician's Associate (PA) concept which began at Duke in 1965.

This year, the conference is divided into four general sessions where speakers discuss changes in the PA program and its relationship to similar professions such as the nurse practitioner and Medex.

The third general session got underway at 8:30 today when Dr. Nicholas Danforth, director of the Medex program at Dartmouth College, spoke on "Current Status of the Medex Programs."

Dr. Eleanor Lambertson, dean of the school of nursing at Cornell University, followed Dr. Danforth with a talk entitled, "Roles of Nurse Practitioners."

Two Duke faculty members spoke at the fourth general session today. Dr. Leonard J. Goldwater, a professor of community health sciences, spoke on "Dependence, Independence and Interdependence." Dr. Eugene Stead, Florence McAlister Professor of Medicine and originator of the PA concept, spoke on "Potential Patterns of Utilization."

The program opened yesterday when Nathan Hershey, research professor of health law at the University of Pittsburgh, spoke on "Legislation and Legal Issues." John A. Braun, a graduate of the Duke PA program followed with a talk entitled "Economic and Sociologic Studies."

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## What's an OWL?

OWL is the acronym for Odom-Woodhall Legion, a group of present and former house officers in neurosurgery who are gathering here for two days of scientific sessions dedicated to Dr. Woodhall and Dr. Odom.

Drs. Barnes Woodhall and Guy Odom are the men most closely associated with the development and direction of the neurological surgery service at Duke. Dr. Woodhall came here in 1937 to establish the division, and he headed it until being named dean of the School of Medicine in 1960.

After a succession of other appointments, he was named chancellor pro tem of the University, a post he relinquished to return to the Medical Center as James B. Duke Professor of Neurosurgery in July of 1970.

Dr. Odom, who came to Duke in 1943, succeeded Dr. Woodhall as chief of neurosurgery, the position he still holds.

Nearly 40 physicians who served residencies under Drs. Woodhall and Odom are among those who returned to Duke for the scientific meetings today and tomorrow.

President Terry Sanford was to deliver opening remarks at the first session this morning in M 224, Davison Bldg.

## Board of Visitors Convenes Today

The Medical Center's Board of Visitors is meeting here today and tomorrow to study on-going programs at the Medical Center, and to make recommendations on future developments.

The 15-member board, made up of representatives in the fields of medicine, nursing, business, hospital administration and finance from throughout the country, meets here each spring at Duke's invitation to provide professional guidance for the Medical Center's future.

The chairman is Henry E. Rauch of Greensboro, who also is vice chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

The meetings, in the Board Room of the Allen Building, will begin with an executive session at 8:30. Mr. Rauch will make introductory remarks, and a progress report of the board's 1971 recommendations will be made by Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs.

The morning general session, beginning at 9 o'clock, will include progress reports on School of Nursing programs by Dean Ruby Wilson and a report on medical and allied health education by Dr. Thomas D. Kinney, director of medical and allied health education.

During the afternoon Dr. Jane Elchlepp, assistant to the vice president of health affairs for planning, and Dr. Stuart M. Sessoms, director of Duke Hospital, will report on construction programs in the hospital.

The board also will hear reports on Medical Center activities in the community by Dr. E. Harvey Estes, chairman of the Department of Community Health Sciences, and Dr. Patrick D. Kenan, a professor of otolaryngology who also serves as an

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