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Speedy Shutter Service

Patient Photography Focuses on Health

At the "click" of a shutter, members of the staff of the hospital's Patient Photography are ready to help physicians, nurses and allied health professionals toward the goals of better health care, more effective medical education and research, and they do it through the eye of a camera.

Whether it's photographing such tiny details as the patterns of blood vessels in the back of the eye, recording abnormalities of surface anatomy, or bundling up in surgical garb with only minutes' notice to snap a shot of some phase of a procedure in the operating room, Duke "biocommunicators" are only an f-stop away from the first line of health care workers, and they are becoming more important all the time.

Based on the second floor in the "yellow" zone, the Patient Photography facility is a part of the Division of Audiovisual Education under the directorship of Sam A. Agnello.

The cast of characters in Patient Photography includes supervisor Lewis Parrish, fundus photographer Raymond Howard, medical photographers Judy Carrier and Joyce Shoffner, and part-time secretaries Dottie Pett and Susan Chapman.

As head of the section, Lewis Parrish does a little of everything. His primary responsibility is to supervise and coordinate the activities of his staff, but he also serves as a trouble-shooter, offering technical advice to the medical photographers and trainees and handling photographic chores when the need arises.

Joyce Shoffner's specialty is the operating room. Moments after receiving a call from the O.R., she's off with Nikon in hand to take black and white shots or color slides of some aspect of surgery.

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O.R. PHOTOGRAPHY—Medical photographer Joyce Shoffner lines up a shot during surgery. She receives as many as 20 calls from the operating room in a single day, and for each she must don a sterile green gown and mask. The color slides and black and white photographs she takes are a useful tool for the physician in diagnosing and recording the progress of therapy and because there are no "instant replays" in an operation, every shot has to be a good one. *(Photo by Lewis Parrish)*

Dr. Arvin Robinson Named to Direct Radiology Dept. Diagnostic Division

Dr. Arvin E. Robinson, assistant professor of radiology, has been appointed director of the Diagnostic Division of the Department of Radiology.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Richard G. Lester, chairman of the Department of Radiology, said, "Dr. Robinson has already assumed his duties and is making innovative and desirable changes in our educational program at the resident level and also in our clinical operation. He will also provide exciting leadership in bringing young men into the

research area."

Robinson succeeds Dr. Reed P. Rice, associate professor of radiology, who asked to be relieved of his duties to devote more time to his clinical, teaching and research interests in gastrointestinal radiology.

A native of Richmond, Va., Robinson received an A.B. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia in 1964. He served his internship at the

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