

TPA Approved And Now Available At Chowan Hospital

TPA (Tissue Plasminogen Activator) was approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration on November 30, and has become available at Chowan Hospital. Cindy Coker, Chief Nurse of the Chowan Hospital Critical Care Unit, and Dr. Joe Haskett attended a satellite teleconference at the East Carolina University School of Medicine on November 1 for an update on development and usage of the drug which has been used on an experimental basis in the United States for the past year.

According to Dr. Haskett, the release of TPA promises to expand the ability of community hospitals to treat and limit the damage done by heart attacks. In most heart attacks, a clot forms in one of the coronary arteries at the

site of an existing cholesterol plaque. If this clot can be opened within 4-6 hours of the onset of pain, damage to the heart can be significantly limited or prevented in 60-70% of cases.

It has been shown that early treatment in community hospitals is the best bet for reaching most patients, and that further evaluation at a referral center (such as with cardiac catheterization) can be pursued 48-72 hours later, if indicated, and still receive maximum benefits.

A similar drug, Streptokinase, has been available at Chowan Hospital for the past two years, but TPA has fewer complications and seems to work more often.

It is of critical importance that TPA be given within the first six hours of a heart

attack to prevent damage, and, therefore, the public needs to seek medical attention as soon as possible for evaluation of possible cardiac pain.

Many heart attack victims wait hours or even days before

Hall Presented To Congregation

On December 26, at Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Mrs. Johnetta Hall was given the thrill of her life as she was honored by her children, her church and the community. Mrs. Audrey Mills of Virginia Beach, Va. presented the honoree to the congregation.

Scriptures were read by Josiah Thomas, Principal of Helena Elementary School, Roxboro, N.C. and Dr. Franklin Smith,

Superintendent of Dayton Public Schools, Dayton, Ohio, her sons-in-law. Rev. Wilbert Wills, Pastor of Warren Grove Baptist Church gave the invocation. Those appearing on the program and paying tribute to the honoree were: Rev. Wilbert Mills, Rev. A.C. Robinson, former pastor of Warren Grove Baptist Church; Dr. J.H. Horton, Sec.-Treas. of Chowan Credit

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Hometown Heroes

CLYDE N. SPRUILL
Tech. Sgt. Clyde N. Spruill, son of William E. and Hazel T. Spruill of Route 3, Edenton, has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal in West Germany.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Spruill is a machine shop supervisor with the 86th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

He is a 1968 graduate of Chowan High School, Edenton.

DONALD E. BUTCHERINE
Navy Lt. Donald E. Butcherine, son of Steven M.

and Ann F. Butcherine of Corapeake, N.C. recently reported for duty with Commander, Naval Air Pacific, Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego. He joined the Navy in June 1971.

JOSEPH L. WYNN
Army Sgt. Joseph L. Wynn, son of Annie B. Wynn of Route 2, Edenton, has been presented the second award of the Good Conduct Medal in West Germany.

The award was presented for exemplary conduct while in the active service of the United States.

Wynn is an indirect-fire infantryman with the 502nd Infantry.

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