

# St. Anthony's Hospital

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*Amarillo, Texas*

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Dr. Karel B. Absolon  
2714 West 10th  
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Dr. Absolon,

This means will officially indicate to you that you have been appointed to the investigative portion of the Utilization Committee of St. Anthony's Hospital for a period of four months. As you know the development of the Medi-Care Program requires that each hospital have a Utilization Committee in its staff structure. The Executive Committee has gone over very carefully the planning required for this and with the appointment of Dr. G. M. Waddill as Chairman of this committee the plan has been developed which we propose to institute.

Every physician on the staff will be required to serve his four months term and you gentlemen are asked to be the first to serve. Your duties will be those of an investigative nature requiring according to regulation at least two visits per week to inquire of the head nurse on the floor if patients have been in the hospital for longer than ten days time. Should such cases be found you are then requested to verify the impression that further hospitalization is required or in case of doubt in your mind to notify the Chairman of the Utilization Committee, Dr. Waddill.

It is emphasized that you are not police officers nor are you expected to read the riot act to colleagues who have hospitalized patients for protracted periods of time. That is a duty which should be performed by the Executive Committee, though of course the contribution of knowledge will be welcome indeed.

Dr. Waddill has asked that you attend the meeting of the Utilization Committee in the Galaxy Room to be held at 12:30 on Tuesday, June 7, 1966, for some further orientation as to the requirements.

Though none of us look forward with eager anticipation to performance of this duty it apparently will be necessary for every person who wishes to retain staff privileges to serve his term. We shall strive to make this as free of time consuming and unpleasant details as it

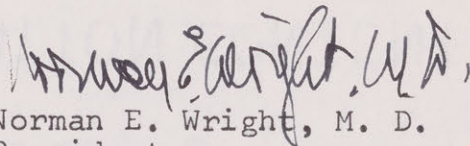


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is at all possible, but be assured that following your four months service then you will be exempt from further duty until the entire staff has served.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this necessary venture.

Cordially yours,

  
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President  
St. Anthony's Hospital Medical Staff

cc: Dr. K. B. Absolon - 4A  
Dr. E. G. Naslund - 4B  
Dr. John Alpar - 5A & SICU  
Dr. R. K. Archer - 1B & 3A  
Dr. B. R. Jones - 3B & MICU  
Dr. M. E. Dyer - 2B & Nursery  
Dr. Robert E. Cotton - 2A

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