



# St. Anthony's Hospital

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL STAFF OF ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL:

The Chief of Staff of Northwest Texas Hospital has issued a statement which we feel requires some clarification. In a letter dated September 7, 1967, and addressed to the members of the Medical Staff of Northwest Texas Hospital, Dr. B. R. Jones stated: "The Executive Boards in our other hospital are completely appointed by the Administration; we have sought to avoid this...." Since this is not the case at St. Anthony's Hospital, we would like to make it clear how the Executive Committee at St. Anthony's is selected.

The Constitution of the Medical and Dental staff of St. Anthony's Hospital, adopted May 24, 1965, Article VII, Section II, Subsection 3 states: "The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of the Medical and Dental Staff (Chairman), the President-elect (Secretary), the Chief of the Department of Surgery, the Chief of the Department of Medicine, the Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Chief of the Department of Pediatrics, and two members appointed by the Governing Board."

Article VII, Section I, Subsection 1 states: "The officers of the Medical and Dental Staff shall be the President, the President-elect, and the Secretary. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Staff."

Article V, Section III, Subsection 1 states: "Each department shall be organized and a Chief appointed annually by the Governing Board on recommendation of the Executive Committee."

Therefore, the Executive Committee consists of eight members: two are elected by the hospital staff, four are selected by the outgoing Executive Committee (and their terms of office are limited to 3 years) and only two are appointed by the Administration--and, in actual practice, one of these latter two has in each instance been the immediate past president of the staff, a doctor originally placed on the committee by the medical staff. Consequently, at least since the present constitution was adopted, the Executive Committee has been composed 87½% of doctors selected by the doctors themselves.

The present Chief of Staff would like to emphatically state that the Hospital Administration exerted no influence in the selection of the doctors presently serving as Chiefs of the four departments of the staff.

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