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### REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Trustees of St. Anthony's Hospital held a meeting in February. The following decisions were made:

1. The Board approved a \$50,000 expenditure for a research project. The project is to be headed by Dr. K. B. Absolon.
2. Approval was given for the hospital's participation in a civil defense project by agreeing to be responsible for a packaged disaster hospital designed to take care of 200 people.
3. The Board took under consideration the proposal received from the Executive Committee of the medical staff regarding an emergency receiving hospital. This was tabled by the Board until more definite information is available regarding the availability of such service at Northwest Texas Hospital.

### PROGRESS OF EXPANSION PROGRAM

The request for \$1,000,000 of Hill-Burton funds was denied. This will not retard our plans for expansion. The architect hopes to have the plans completed by the end of May this year.

### MEDICAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT TO BE TRANSFERRED TEMPORARILY

The medical records department will be located on the south end of 2B. This change is necessitated by the expansion of the Xray department into what is now medical records. When renovation is completed medical records will be housed permanently on what is now 1B.

The following are decisions of the Executive Committee of the medical staff:

WEARING BOOTEES IN O. R.

All physicians are requested to wear the Bootees provided before entering the operating room. Those who do not wish to wear the bootees are requested to use shoes which are worn only in O. R.

D. O. A.

When there is a D.O.A. in the emergency room, the Supervisor will notify the coroner who will make the necessary disposition of the body. If there is a family doctor, the Supervisor will notify the physician of the patient's death.

PATIENTS REQUIRING CONCENTRATED NURSING CARE

Patients who need to have blood pressures taken or need to have the attention of nursing personnel hourly or more frequently should be in the intensive care unit. Post-operative patients should be sent to recovery room until vital signs are stable.

NEED FOR EXTENDED CARE BEDS

Each doctor is asked to indicate on the chart when a Medicare patient is ready to be transferred to an extended care facility. The Utilization Committee wishes to study the lapse of time between when the patient is ready to be transferred and when a bed is available in an extended care facility.

NEW COMMITTEE

The Medicine and Nursing Liaison Committee was recently formed at St. Anthony's. Members on the committee are:

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| Dr. W. C. Watkins | Mrs. Hauser    |
| Dr. S. G. Curtis  | Mrs. Gallagher |
| Dr. J. E. Jones   | Mrs. Dalman    |
| Dr. L. E. Bast    | Mrs. Baker     |
| Dr. R. E. Brierty | Mrs. Bundy     |
|                   | Mrs. Clark     |

The following are the objectives of the Medicine and Nursing Liaison Committee:

1. To have a better relationship between the physicians and nurses on the hospital staff.
2. To plan, implement, and evaluate existing nursing care policies and procedures in order to be constantly improving methods of patient care.
3. To strive to maintain the highest possible personnel efficiency and morale by guiding, counseling, and directing physicians and nursing service personnel in matters concerning their professional work or position.
4. To uphold, support, and implement the philosophy, objectives, and policies of the institution and administration.

#### MEDICATION ORDERS

When antibiotics are ordered the frequency of administering the drug should be given in hours rather than times per day. For example q 8 hours rather than t.i.d.

The q 8 hour schedule would be: 1:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The t.i.d. schedule would be: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Change Subsection 3, Section V., "The Courtesy Staff", page 11 to read as follows:

##### Subsection 3.

The Courtesy Medical and Dental Staff should be appointed in the same manner as provided for the Active Medical and Dental Staff. With the exception of physicians or dentists who have practiced in this community less than two years, application for continuation of courtesy membership on this staff will not be considered unless the applicant can show that he is an active member of the staff of an approved hospital in this area.

To be voted on at the next General Staff meeting on May 27, 1968.