Physicians "on the road again"

Dr. William Strong, chief of pediatric cardiology at MCG, and his associates are a modern-day version of the old-time circuit riding doctors.

They hit the road about twice a month, taking routine cardiac care to patients through the section's satellite clinic program.

The clinics are located in Savannah, Waycross, Macon and Warner Robins. The Savannah and Macon clinics, held at Memorial Hospital in Savannah and Middle Georgia Medical Center in Macon, are held one day a month, while the clinic in Waycross at the Ware County Health Department is held for two days on a quarterly basis. The Warner Robins clinic, established in June at Houston County Hospital, will be held for one day each quarter initially, although the frequency will be increased if necessary, Dr. Strong said.

"We see from 2,000 to 2,500 children with heart problems on an outpatient basis a year," he said. "For many, the cost of traveling to Augusta becomes exorbitant, especially when you take into consideration the price of travel."

"We're not getting it, though. People are hoarding them in their lockers or wearing them home and not bringing them back. Our return on scrubs is nothing. To put it mildly, we are experiencing a recovery problem."

While the scrub suits are not being returned to the laundry, Gheesling says they can be "seen in grocery stores, on people jogging, anywhere..."

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Scrub suits take a hike

What is it? The color? Design? Fit?

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Radiation therapy student receives scholarship

Sharon Brown of Augusta, a freshman radiation therapy student, received the Morse-Alston Memorial Scholarship for summer quarter.

The scholarship funds were donated by Dr. Kenneth Morse, professor of dental education and educational research and development, and his wife, Dr. Jean Morse, professor of educational research and development and associate professor of maternal child nursing, in memory of their parents, Fay and Esther Mae Morse and Edgar Alston.

In return for the $500 scholarship, the student agrees to work for six months in her profession. Recipients are chosen based on academic merit and need. "We felt that it's getting harder for students to obtain funds, and it's a way of honoring our parents as well," says Dr. Jean Morse.

Tabitha Partin, a junior nursing student from Lyons, received the first Morse-Alston Memorial Scholarship in January.
Nurses of the year named

Alberta Wilson and Ella Stewart, senior staff nurses on 8-West in Talmadge Hospital, have been named Nurses of the Year by the pediatric house staff.

In addition, the residents named Dr. Hannan Dannawi, assistant professor, Teacher of the Year.

Wilson and Stewart were chosen because of their extreme helpfulness, cooperation and dedication to their duties, according to Dr. Rita Jerath.

Wilson, a native of Waynesboro, joined the MCG staff in May, 1978. Stewart, of Augusta, joined the nursing staff in January, 1978. Both are graduates of the MCG School of Nursing.

Dannawi, who joined the MCG faculty in 1976 as an instructor, did his internship here and served residencies at the University of Missouri and the University of Tennessee.

Pediatric Cardiologists hit road to provide care

gasoline and, in many instances, the cost of an overnight stay in a motel and lost wages from work when it is necessary for a parent to take time off from their job for the trip.

"If we go to Savannah, for instance, and see 20 patients in one day, 40 in two days, we're reducing the cost to patients 40-fold.

"In providing good patient care we treat the patient, not the disease, with the MCG insignia at the bottom, is being stamped on the patient's chart with Dr. Ellen Patrick.

Wanted: One ping-pong table

Anne Comer, Talmadge Hospital recreation therapist, is looking for a ping-pong table. "Surely someone has one in their basement or attic they're not using anymore," she says. "We'd love to have one for our older pediatric patients on 8-West (pediatric medicine).

"Because of the nature of the illnesses of many of our patients, lengthy hospitalization—although not necessarily bed confinement—is required," she continued. "I'm hoping we can get a ping-pong table to help relieve their boredom and the stress of their lengthy stays."

Anyone having a table to donate is asked to contact Anne at ext. 2481.

Scrub suits walking off

In an effort to keep tighter controls on the scrub suits, Gheesling says each piece, top and bottom, is being stamped with the MCG insignia at least twice. In addition, they are being marked to designate the hospital area in which they are used.

"At least if we lose them now we will know where the culprits are," he says. "It has gotten so bad we are considering issuing scrub suits on a one-on-one exchange basis."

Up for grabs

The following items are available to MCG budget units free of charge:

- Forty-eight IV sterile bottles, 500 milliliters (one case).
- Five hundred locking caps/safety caps.
- One electron cephalograph model 68, made by Grass Medical Instruments, serial no. K62005, 1966 model with 16 channels including a dual master input selector switch on seven runs, 50 packs of recording paper, two reported electrodes and other small parts.
- One buffalo bead sterilizer, model 62, serial no. 15063, manufactured by Buffalo Dental Manufacturing Co.

One Beseler anallo line meter made by Technicon Instruments Corp.

One head space sampler, cat. no. 76500, serial no. 330998, made by Beckman Instruments.

One ph meter, model 76, made by Beckman Instruments.

Anyone interested in obtaining these items should call Materials Management Division at ext. 3981.

Childcare wanted

Childcare needed. MCG employee needs qualified person to care for three months in your area, starting July 26, 8:30 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday. Call Susan Brantley, 738-5710.

Do you have cavities?

Children or adults with small cavities on permanent teeth are needed to participate in a study to evaluate a modified procedure for a conservative filling. Participants must plan to be in the Augusta area for the full 4-year study.

During participation in the study, all simple dental treatment (fillings) and preventive treatments such as fluoride applications and sealants, will be provided free of charge. This study is approved by the Human Assurance Committee.

For more information, call Juanita Sutton or Alice Newcomer, ext. 2881.