Dr. Berenson to present preventive cardiology lecture on risk

Dr. Gerald Berenson will be the second speaker in the Fourth Annual Preventive Cardiology lecture series being held this spring at MCG. He will speak on "The Origins of Cardiovascular Risk Factors" at 4 p.m. April 1 in the auditorium on 4 W.

Dr. Berenson is professor of internal medicine and chief of the section of cardiology at Louisiana State University's College of Medicine.

Internationally known for his Bogalusa, La. community study of cardiovascular risk factors in the young, Dr. Berenson participated in MCG's prevention day last September. He is the author of numerous articles showing that heart disease risk factors can be identified in early childhood.

Employees rally to protect high risk baby

March 8 was a long-awaited night for many individuals at Talmadge. That's the birthdate of a baby who had a one-in-four chance of being born with an immune deficiency disease, which would necessitate a totally sterile environment for him—much like the nationally known "Bubble" child from Texas who spent his life sealed off from the rest of the world in a plastic bubble.

Dr. Betty Wray reports that the mother of this child had previously borne a baby with this disorder and thus the high risk for this child. This knowledge gave the professionals the opportunity to prepare for the potential problem in this baby. They had to create a completely sterile environment for both mother and baby until it could be determined that the baby did not have the disease. A mammoth task, relates Dr. Wray, that required the cooperation and coordination of a number of people.

James Creech and his moving crew went to great lengths to transport specialized equipment to the area set aside for mother and baby; housekeeping spent numerous hours sterilizing the room; the nurses in LAD, OB and neonatology maintained the sterile atmosphere and were ready for the birth.

On Sunday night, March 8, the 10 pound boy entered the world. The lab personnel were called in and began the necessary tests to determine if the baby had this immune deficiency. The results revealed a perfectly normal baby. Mother and son were able to go home last Saturday.

Dr. Chen is visiting GIHN

Dr. Chen Rendun, research associate professor of the Military Hygiene Institute, Academy Military Science, Tianjin, People's Republic of China, is at MCG for six months doing research with the Georgia Institute of Human Nutrition (GIHN).

Dr. Chen is an MD nutrition whose work is in the areas of vitamin A and energy nutrition research. He has also published papers on cancer and the effects of irradiation of food. The researcher is spending a year in the United States for advanced training as a special fellow of the United Nations World Hunger Program. His visit to MCG is being sponsored by the GIHN and the MCG School of Medicine.

Ecstasy or despair describes some students' reaction to the March 18 'Match Day'—that day each year when senior medical school students find out where they will take their post-graduate training. The opening of the 'matches' is done at the same time in all medical schools across the country. It's easy to see that Randy and Pam Webb are pleased with their match.

Don't make that call when off campus

Effective April 1, third party billed telephone calls will not be accepted for payment by the State. MCG employees can no longer place a call outside of the office and have it charged to the office. Those who need to make calls while away from the office may obtain a telephone credit card. This may be done by sending a memo to the telecommunication office, BH 210, including your name as it should appear on the card and the account number to be billed.

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NOTABLES


K. ANUSAVICE EMD, PhD, asst prof, rest dent, received $600 from National Institute of Dental Research for "Optimization of Metal-Ceramic Restoration Design".


L.L. VACCA PhD, assst prof, path, with K. KANUDO MD, PhD, visiting fellow, W.K. Paull PhD, Tulane Medical School, New Orleans wrote "Immunocytochemical Study of Substance P Containing Nerve Terminals in Rat Spinal Cord: Technical Considerations," Histochemistry: in press.


VACCA will present "Immunocytochemical Substance P Neurons in the Rat and Human Central Nervous System," American Association of Anatomists, Ninth Annual Meeting, April 19-23, 1981, New Orleans, La


P. MONGAN MD assst prof, fam prac, wrote "Postnatal Pregnancy," American Family Physician in press.

J. KURFEES MD, assso prof, fam prac, wrote "Acute Pancreatitis," Journal of Medicine of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.


L. CALVERT MD, assst prof, fam prac, accepted chairmanship of Promotion Sub-Committee, Class of 1983.


L.C. HARTLAGE PhD, prof, neuro and ped, will preside at Neuropsychology Section, Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, March 25-28, Atlanta.

HARTLAGE appointed chairman, New England Teletherapy, Phoenix, Arizona, educational program, National Academy of Neuropsychologists.

HARTLAGE appointed editorial consultant for "The Best of ACLD (Association for Children with Learning Disabilities)," Vol. 2.


HARTLAGE appointed examination committee chairman, American Board of Professional Psychology.

HARTLAGE with W. Males MA, Gracewood State School and Hospital, Augusta, will present "Some Specific Psychological Test Differences Related to Serum ABL, and with M. NOONAN MA, action, will present "Psychological Assessment of Preschool Children," annual meeting, Southeastern Psychological Association, March 25-28, Atlanta.


R.G. LITTLE MD, prof and chair, physio, was visiting professor, University of South Florida, School of Medicine, March, 1981, Tampa.

B.S. ALLEN MD, asst prof, derm, appointed to American Academy of Dermatology Council on Governmental, Legal and Manpower Committee.

ALLEN appointed by President of American Academy of Dermatology to represent American Dermatologists at 1981 AMS Cost Effectiveness Study, May 11-12, Chicago, Ill.

K.D. LANCLOS PhD, asst prof, received $19,408 from National Sciences Foundation for Undergraduate Research Participation.

T.G. MULDOON PhD, prof, endocrin, received $72,230 from National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases for "Regulation of Steroid Hormone Receptor Activity."

E.C. ABRAHAM PhD, asso research prof, cmb, received $30,776 from National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases for "Minor Fetal Hemoglobin Components."

J.G. SMITH MD, prof, chair, selected to receive Distinguished Alumni Award of Duke University Medical Center to be presented in November.

B. MORGAN, dir, public safety, selected instructor for JGAs course on hospital safety.

MCG sponsors course on young adults

"The Young Adult in Today's World" is the theme of a March 30-31 continuing education course.

The course, to be held at the Holiday Inn West, is designed for clergy, lay leaders and others who minister to the needs of young adults in their churches and communities.

MCG, which is sponsoring the course, also will provide the faculty. Catholic Lay Chaplaincy, ext. 2924, can be contacted for more information.

Tele manners

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Lessie Cohen takes charge of 1,000 meals daily

Many housewives panic when they have to prepare food for a large group. Imagine how Lessie Cohen feels—she oversees food preparation for almost 1,000 meals a day.

Cohen recently became the manager of the hospital cafeteria where she has worked in various capacities for the past 18 years.

Don Senecal, director of retail operations at MCG, says last year the hospital cafeteria was under a management contract with a professional food service provider, and this arrangement did not prove satisfactory. In an effort to improve service and strengthen employee morale, Cohen was appointed manager of the cafeteria.

Her duties include supervising the 20 employees in the cafeteria, ordering food and planning menus. The cafeteria serves between 400-500 people during breakfast and lunch. The hospital snack bar, which is open between 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. serves approximately 400 people a day.

Cohen says the cafeteria serves what is probably "the best buy in town" for breakfast. For $1.15 you get two eggs, bacon or sausage and coffee.

"Anytime you serve food you will have some people who like what is served and some that don't. It is difficult to make everyone happy. We know we have some areas we need to work on. We try to serve the best food we can at the lowest price we can which is what everyone wants. Our main concern is to serve people," says Cohen.

A frequent question asked by Talmadge employees concerns the price of food in the cafeteria.

Senecal says the hospital cafeteria is not subsidized in the MCG budget so prices have to be comparable to commercial food services in order for the cafeteria to even come close to breaking even.

Science Fair winners to study in MCG labs

CSRA Science and Engineering Fair second place winners this year are Thomas Wille of Thomson and Marsha Leaster of Batesburg, SC.

The two won stipends to study during the summer months with MCG's researchers.

Dr. William H. Moretz, MCG president, presented the awards to the students during March 19 awards ceremonies at Augusta College.

FPC streamlines admissions

A streamlined admissions process has been implemented by the Family Practice Center. New patients requesting to be seen by faculty/residents or faculty/residents requesting to see new patients may use a short admission form available from the receptionists. Use of this form bypasses processing of these patients providing faster consultations.

It's coming 3/30

Physician Recognition Day is set for March 30. Director of Volunteer Services Betty Pinson says MCG physicians will be given red carnations noting the day.

This annual observance was begun nationally in 1933 to honor physicians and commemorate the day in 1842 when Dr. Crawford W. Long became the first to use ether as an anesthetic agent in surgery.

17 MCG faculty present AGMA courses

Seventeen faculty members from MCG participated in the 1981 Atlanta Graduate Medical Assembly program (AGMA) at Colony Square in Atlanta March 22-25.

AGMA was sponsored by the Medical Association of Atlanta, the DeKalb Medical Society, the Cobb County Medical Society and the Atlanta Medical Association for continuing post-graduate medical education.

Most of MCG's participating faculty were involved in a surgery program which was offered in conjunction to the regular AGMA presentation.

The surgery program, co-sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons, was a special Surgical Education and Self Assessment Program Review Course (SESAP III) offered for the first time in the United States.

Surgeons certified by the American Board of Surgery after Jan. 1, 1975 must be recertified every 10 years. This program formally prepares surgeons to take the recertification examination.


Dr. William Moore Jr., Dr. James O'Quinn and Dr. Beverly Sanders Jr. made their presentations during the family practice and pediatrics section of the regular AGMA program.

1,372 were added, making it 13,720

The Family Practice Center handled 13,720 patient visits in 1980, an increase of 2,170 visits over 1979. One thousand, three hundred, seventy-two new patients were admitted to the program last year.

"This is definitely good," says Dr. Jay Varma, director of the Family Practice Center, health care services. "It has given the residents more patients to see and thus increased their experience and exposure through the problems the patients present."

For sale

For sale. Set of photographs of the Augusta National. Can be seen in clinic 13 of the dental building. For more information call ext. 2631.

This year's recipients of the C.D. Whitaker scholarships are Sam Dooley and Cheryl Newman. Both are phase III students in the School of Medicine. MCG President, Dr. William H. Moretz made the presentation during recent ceremonies honoring the two scholars. The scholarship fund was created in 1977 at the bequest of Mary Whitaker Walton.
Respiratory therapy helps us breathe more easily

Medicines, something we all know about and probably have taken. We take pills, we drink liquid medicines and we sometimes endure an injection to receive our medicines.

Now, due to a relatively new health care field, some patients are breathing their medications.

Respiratory therapy is the newcomer, having been begun about 33 years ago. Yet it and those health specialists who work in this allied health profession have been firmly placed in the medical world.

Richard Beckham, chairman of the respiratory therapy department at MCG, explains that medications can be administered via a gas to reduce bronchial spasms or surface tension or fluids that may be present in the lungs and that provide a mechanism for cleaning the lungs of secretions and reducing the chance of infection.

"But our job is more than administering medications. The registered respiratory therapist is one trained in the treatment of pulmonary disease. He works with a physician and the duties include diagnostic testing for pulmonary illness and the plotting of treatment for the attending physician."

Additionally, says Beckham, respiratory therapy assists any patient who, for various reasons, can't breathe properly. This can include those with emphysema or other chronic pulmonary diseases; or the newborn with respiratory distress syndrome.

While many cases require hospitalization, the respiratory therapist also can help the outpatient. "This usually is the chronically ill person."

The therapist goes into the person's home and instructs them on how to use their own equipment, how to clean it, sterilize it and provide general overall education in terms of their disease and how they can live more comfortably with it. We teach them how to breathe more easily, give them breathing exercises, show them the best way to get the most benefit out of their body and to compensate for their disease."

One of the major reasons respiratory therapy is so well accepted in the medical world is that just about every ailment possible involves the respiratory system. "You just can't separate the heart from the lungs.

Beckham also says that to be a good therapist, you also have to be a good technician, able to manipulate the equipment. "In the clinical setting, you have a piece of apparatus on the blink and you've got a patient attached to the end of the apparatus; the therapist better know what to do quickly or else the patient's going to be in trouble."

Dr. Jackson presents talk

Dr. William Jackson, associate professor of physiology, will be the speaker at the March 30 physiology seminar. The lecture will be at 4 p.m. in room 3C1 of the R&E Building.

Family oriented clinics now available in Augusta public housing projects

Augusta Family Oriented Primary Care Center has opened a new clinic.

This one is at Olmsted Homes and now has made health care available to all residents of public housing in Augusta.

The AFOPPC's first clinic at Southside Terrace was opened last summer and now serves those living in Southside, Underwood Homes, Delta Manor, Jennings

Herman Harris of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center receives a check from the Women's Civic Club toward the Center's $25,000 drive to support the cord blood testing program for early detection of sickle cell anemia in newborns. The Community Advisory Board of the Center is directing the drive. The Women's Civic Club directs its activities toward assistance to children, club President, Mrs. Helen McNatt (3rd from l) and members (L-R) Mrs. Florence McMack, Mrs. Betty Scott and Mrs. Juliette Burton made the presentation. Pleose interested in assisting in the drive should contact Harris at the Sickle Cell Center (3091).