

Medical Center Reports Lack Of Nurses

Patients Turned Away Despite 100 Idle Beds

Because of the shortage of nurses, approximately 100 beds in the Indiana University Medical Center hospitals now are idle and patients seeking hospitalization must be turned away.

This situation was reported here today by J. B. H. Martin, Medical Center administrator, at the closing session of the second annual post-graduate course in malignant disease in the center.

Dr. Henry K. Ransom of the University of Michigan School of Medicine discussed "Carcinoma of the Stomach" on the morning program today. The two-day session closed this afternoon with a round-table discussion in which Dr. Ransom participated.

Adequate Doctors Staff

The shortage of nurses is the only factor which has limited the services of the Medical Center, according to Mr. Martin and Dr. John D. VanNus, dean of the IU school of medicine. The hospitals have an adequate staff of doctors and operations personnel.

Dr. VanNus said: "The IU officials revealed a new 22-bed ward in Long Hospital could not be opened because we could not spare nurses from other hospital positions." Similarly Riley Hospital has been forced to limit the number of children accepted.

Other speakers yesterday and today stressed the importance of early diagnosis in the treatment of cancer.

Cancer Is Curable

"Cancer is a curable disease if treatment is instituted early," said Dr. Reed O. Dingman, associate professor of oral surgery, University of Michigan.

It is estimated that about 21,000 people in the United States will die this year of cancer of the mouth," he told the conference. "Many of these deaths are needless and could be avoided by early diagnosis and early treatment."

The responsibility of dentists in recognizing cancerous lesions in the head and neck was stressed by Dr. J. Frank Hall, professor of oral surgery, IU school of dentistry. He pointed out that 25 per cent of the primary lesions of all cancers were found in these regions.

Harvey Wright Dies

LOGANSPORE, Apr. 7—Services for Harvey Wright, retired local police officer who died yesterday in his home, will be held here tomorrow afternoon. He was 89.

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INDIANA WEATHER

Although scattered showers passed across Indiana this morning, drier air from the West is expected tonight. Fair skies were expected to follow the front.

Temperatures tomorrow were expected to remain much the same as those today. A steady barometer also was expected.

Temperatures in Indianapolis a year ago today: High, 72; low, 55. See Weather Map on Page 6.

Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU Apr. 7, 1949

Temperatures 6:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.

Precipitation 2 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m. 0.00

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