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EMERGENCY
EXITS:
FOR
SECURITY,
NOT
CONVENIENCE--
See story
inside
about UH's
new security
program.

PHARMACY AND NURSING DEPARTMENT DEVELOP DRUG FACT SHEETS TO FACILITATE PATIENT EDUCATION

The UH Department of Pharmacy Services, working in cooperation with the Nursing Department, has developed pre-printed drug fact sheets for the nurses to use when counseling patients on the use of medications and for the patient to use at home following discharge from the Hospital. Nurses at UH spend a considerable amount of time educating patients on drugs that their physicians prescribe. As the average patient takes three to four medications upon discharge, teaching the patient about these drugs is a large responsibility.

Each of the new fact sheets facilitates the teaching process by providing a careful synopsis of a specific drug. The synopsis explains the purpose of the drug, outlines instructions for using it, points out any special instructions, details the possible side effects and offers additional information when necessary. Lou Lunetta, director of the Department of Pharmacy Services, and Cathy Barnes, chairperson of the Patient Education Committee and a clinical nurse specialist (medicine), have worked together to produce clear, easy-to-understand drug information. Synopses of 12 of the more commonly used drugs have already been printed and 12 more are ready to be printed. The sheets come in pads of 50 and may soon be included in a folder designed to provide patients with full information on taking medicines at home.

Lunetta said that the drug fact sheets will serve several purposes. They should: a) help to reinforce the teaching that the nurses perform for patients; b) save the nurses valuable time; c) improve patient compliance by providing easy-to-follow instructions for administering the drugs; d) standardize information; e) help to eliminate any information omissions; f) and, help reduce the number of readmissions caused by adverse effects of drugs because the patients will be able to recognize the side effects before they become too severe.

Lunetta also plans to provide these drug facts sheets to UH employees who buy their prescription medicines at the pharmacy. He also said that the clinics associated with the Hospital will be able to distribute the fact sheets to their patients and that Nursing can use them for outpatient as well as inpatient counseling.

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NEW EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY AT UH ACCESS POINTS

The Security Department has been reissuing employee identification cards in an effort to tighten security at the Medical Center. Edwin W. Stedman, director of Security and Communications, said his department is using the new identification card system to "become more aggressive in controlling Hospital access points."

Stedman said that as soon as the new identification card program is completed (the UH portion is complete, work will begin soon on the BUSM portion), stricter screening methods will be used at the entrances to the Medical Center. All employees will be required to wear the new identification cards at all times or they will be denied entrance to the buildings. The old identification card will be considered invalid.

Stedman, noting the cuts in police protection due to Proposition 2 1/2, spoke of the need for the full cooperation of the Medical Center staff to make the security program a success. Any UH employee who has not obtained a new identification card should do so immediately through the Security Services Identification Office in Talbot 1, x5475.

Employees also should strictly observe other security measures at the Medical Center. For instance:

--Employees should never exit or enter the Medical Center by way of an emergency exit merely for the sake of convenience.

--Staff members should not open an emergency exit for anyone except in an emergency situation.

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RESPIRATORY CARE CENTER RECEIVES NATIONAL TELEVISION COVERAGE OF REHABILITATION EFFORTS

An upcoming episode of "Healthbeat," a locally produced and nationally syndicated health information show, will feature the story of Gerard White, a Hyde Park man who received treatment and rehabilitation therapy for emphysema at UH's Respiratory Care Center. "Healthbeat" is seen in more than 75 cities across the country. The episode on White will air in Boston on Tuesday, April 6 at 9:00 p.m. on WCVB-TV (Channel 5).

The show will reenact part of White's rehabilitation. It will include segments of White working with Robin Lovely, R.N., head nurse on F-3; Mary Gilmartin, R.N., respiratory nurse specialist; and, Bonnie Irvine, R.P.T., physical therapist. The show will also include an interview with Barry Make, M.D., director of the Respiratory Care Center.

RADIOLOGY INSTALLS ADVANCED ANGIOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

A Technicare DR-960 digital radiography system has been installed in the Radiology Department. DVSA enables the radiologist to study arteries by contrast delivered through an arm vein--the carotid arteries, renal arteries, etc. This technique has certain advantages over arterial angiography. It is ideally suited for outpatient use, offers decreased morbidity and exam time. For more information call x5789 or x5495.

NURSING DEPARTMENT HOLDS SPRING OPEN HOUSE

The Nursing Department is holding its annual Spring Open House on Wednesday, April 14. The Open House will be from 1 to 6 p.m. in the F-1 Conference room. The Open House will include a slide presentation and Nursing Department resource people will be on hand to answer any questions. Staff members from all departments are invited to attend.

HAMMER, BROOKE AND EAGLE RECEIVE HUMPHREY CANCER RESEARCH CENTER AWARDS

Businessman and philanthropist Armand Hammer, M.D., chairman of the President's Cancer Panel; former U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke, and scientist Harry Eagle, M.D., were the recipients of the Third Annual Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center awards of the School of Medicine. The awards were presented at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 30, in the Great Hall of Quincy Market in Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

Boston University established the awards to recognize outstanding contributions to improve the understanding and treatment of cancer. Hammer was honored for his support of cancer research throughout this country and the world; Brooke for his efforts to encourage research aimed at major advances in diagnosis and treatment of cancer, and Eagle for his work in developing the tissue culture techniques that have made a key contribution to the progress against cancer in the last quarter century.

RILEY PRESENTS HEALTH INFORMATION WEEKDAYS ON WRKO'S 'MORNING MAGAZINE'

Health professionals at UH have advised Greater Boston's "drive-time" radio audience on a wide variety of health concerns on WRKO's "Morning Magazine" every weekday since May, 1981, through the use of 90-second taped segments.

WRKO-AM (680) recently changed the format of "Health Journal" and selected Terrence L. Riley, M.D., a UH neurologist, to join Norm Nathan and Bill Stevens live to discuss health care topics. The three will discuss the following topics next week on "Health Journal," which airs at 7:20 a.m. each weekday morning.

April 2--"What is Spring Fever?"

April 5--"Measles--Not a Harmless Disease: Gone, But Not Forgotten"

April 6--"Signs of Pregnancy"

April 7--"Beginning to Prepare for an Exercise Program"

April 8--"Medical Conditions That Affect Driving or Driving License"

April 9--"Trouble Seeing at Night"

FAIR TEACHES UH'ERS ABOUT NUTRITION-- Kathy Elliott, a registered dietitian from UH, explains recommended food portions to Verna Gornog from Purchasing at the March 22 Employee Nutrition Fair sponsored by Clinical Dietetics.



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HOME FOR SALE: Wonderful Wellesley. Sun-splashed, sprawling architect-designed, 8-room contemporary home. Serene 28-foot living room overlooks spacious grounds and entertainer's patio. Perfect harmony for a professional couple. \$229,900. Call 237-9280.

RIDE NEEDED: Will anyone be driving from Wingersheek Beach to UH this summer--June through August? I'd like to ride and share costs. Call x5590.

RIDE NEEDED: Plum Island resident commuting to UH would like to ride and share costs with someone making the trip from Newburyport or surrounding areas. Willing to carpool if necessary. Call Alex, x6068.

ROOMATE NEEDED: Female looking to share apt. in Cambridge or near MBTA stop. Low to mid \$200s range. Prefer female. Smoking and pets OK. Home, 491-5854; Office, 868-9600, x440.