

Improved emergency coverage at District Hospital

An improved method of physician coverage in the Emergency Department at Columbia District Hospital has been initiated, and is working successfully.

Dr. Michael H. Chamales, Director of Emergency Medicine at Columbia District, said the new staffing has resulted in the addition of four fulltime emergency physicians to the E.R., working on a rotation basis.

The four will share with Dr. Chamales the responsibility for the emergency care of patients, freeing other members of the medical staff of the time consuming necessity of staffing the E.R. on a regular basis.

If patients have a family physician in the area, Dr. Chamales said, they will continue to be able to request to see that physician in cases of emergency. Following initial evaluation by Emergency Department physicians, specialists will continue to be available for consultation, as necessary.

Dr. Chamales said the four physicians working with him in the E.R. all have a high degree of proficiency in emergency medical care, and all come to Columbia District Hospital with strong academic records and performances in internships and residencies.

Dr. Bonnie Sidoff, who has been working in the Emergency Department here for several months, has just completed a residency program in Emergency Medicine at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center.

Practicing on the E.R. staff, in

addition, will be Dr. Dennis D. Winner, Dr. Michael L. Murray, and Dr. Robert E. Tenold, a specialist in dermatology practice here.

Dr. Chamales said a physician is always on duty in the Emergency Department at Columbia District, on a 24-hour per day basis. He takes pride in the fact that patients are treated competently, and with as little delay as possible when they visit the Emergency Department. He emphasized that the Emergency Department is modern, well equipped and excellent for a facility of this size. The staff and facility are prepared to handle virtually any type of emergency.

With the availability of the fire department ambulance service and Emanuel Life Flight (a helicopter ambulance) it is also possible to transfer patients quickly and safely, Dr. Chamales said.

As Director of Emergency Medicine at Columbia District, Dr. Chamales has instituted several changes which have resulted in improved care and convenience for emergency patients, and for those requiring follow-up on their emergency care.

In addition to the physician staffing on a 24-hour basis, the Department is also staffed by at least one Registered Nurse and an emergency department assistant who has training at the Emergency Medical Technician or Nurse Aide level. Additional assistance in the E.R. is available from hospital personnel, as required.

Dr. Chamales, in addition to his practice in the Emergency Department, maintains a dermatology practice at Columbia Hospital District Health Center and Scappoose Health Center, as well as a limited family practice.

A native of Texas, he received a bachelors degree in pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin in 1968, and a masters degree in pharmacology from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1973. He completed medical training there in 1974, interned at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City in 1975, and completed a dermatology residency at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland, in 1978.

While in that residency program, Dr. Chamales began working in the

Emergency Department at Columbia District on weekends, and subsequently established a dermatology practice here.

Dr. Bonnie E. Sidoff has been practicing in the Emergency Department at Columbia District Hospital for several months while completing her residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center.

A native of New Jersey, Dr. Sidoff received her bachelors degree in 1974 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

She completed medical training in 1978 at Tulane University in New Orleans, and interned at Emanuel Hospital in Portland in internal medicine and surgery through 1979.

Dr. Robert E. Tenold, a specialist in internal medicine, will also be practicing in the Emergency Department at CDH. A native Oregonian, Dr. Tenold completed his bachelor of science degree at Stanford University at Palo Alto in 1974, and his medical training at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center in 1978.

He interned in critical care medicine at Sacramento Medical Center in California, completed internal medicine residencies at the University of California at Davis and Sacramento Medical Center in 1980, and has just completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center,

Portland.

Michael L. Murray, M.D., is also practicing in the Emergency Department at CDH. He attended Western Michigan University and earned a degree in chemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1976. Dr. Murray completed his medical training at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1980, receiving honors in the practice of emergency medicine.

He has just completed an internship at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, including emergency medicine, general surgery, internal medicine and surgery.

Dennis D. Winner, M.D., joined the staff in the CDH Emergency Department after having completed a medical/surgical internship at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland.

A native of Michigan, Dr. Winner received a bachelors degree in engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1976, and completed his medical training at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1980. He completed preceptorships at St. Johns Hospital and Patawaing Community Hospital, and externships at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Michigan, University of California, Davis, Sacramento Medical Center in California and Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

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Vernonia School District 47J

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, September 15, 1981, an election will be held in Vernonia School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon. The polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm. The following question shall be submitted to the qualified voters thereof:

Special Operating Levy Outside the Tax Base

Shall School District 47J be authorized to levy \$242,195 outside the tax base for financing operation during 1981-1982?

The purpose of the levy is to provide sufficient funds for operation of the educational program for approximately 700 students, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, that attend Vernonia High School, Washington Grade School, Lincoln Grade School and Mist Grade School.

This amount of tax levy requested is in excess of Article XI, Section 11, of the Oregon Constitution and is required to maintain the normal full school year operation of the educational program. Program costs include staff salaries and benefits, energy, insurance, supplies, maintenance and other regular costs including transportation, extra-curricular activities and lunchroom operation. If this measure is approved, \$242,195 of the taxes levied will be totally financed by local taxpayers without any partial state payment. The estimated tax rate will be \$3.25 per \$1000 of the true cash value exclusive of the amount levied within the authorized base.

Arthur M. Parrow
Superintendent/Clerk