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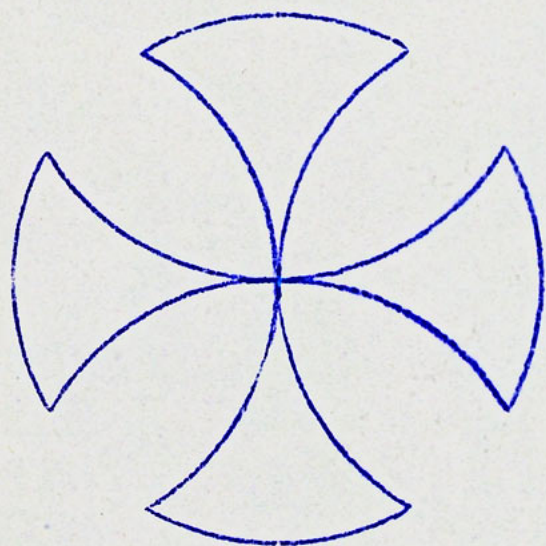
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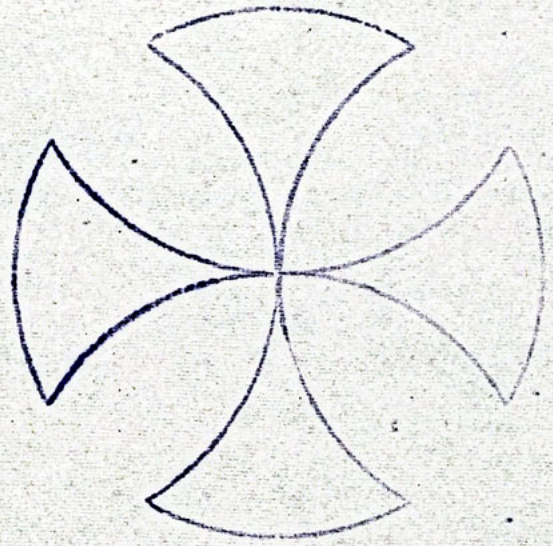
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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF

1956 was a year of considerable accomplishment by the St. Cloud Hospital Medical Staff. New problems arise daily and the practice of medicine in a hospital gets more complicated. These problems have to be recognized, understood, and a solution attempted. Through the conscientious, hard work of members of the Tissue Committee, the Record Committee, and the Pharmacy Committee in conjunction with the Executive Committee, the hospital administration and the whole staff, some of these problems have been solved and others are being studied.

Our rules, regulations, and "modus operandi" were most often based on the rules and suggestions of the national accrediting commission. In the final analysis this board is the guiding hand for hospitals and doctors to better patient care, better doctor-patient relationship, and better medicine. We have fulfilled many of the requisites of the national accrediting agency and obtained full accreditation of our St. Cloud Hospital for the first time under this board.

We have a staff of 61 doctors and at present we have at least one board member in practically every specialty in Medicine and Surgery. Two doctors attained board membership in the past year. A board member in Oral Surgery is planning to join our staff. I would like to congratulate Sister Francis Xavier again on achieving membership in the College of Hospital Administrators. All of this represents progress in the quality of service the doctors and hospital are able to give the community.

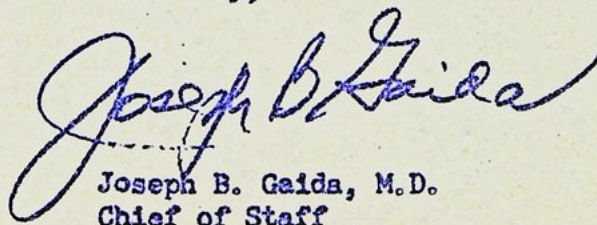
We have lost the invaluable services of Sister Lawrence, supervisor of the operating rooms for many years, but our new supervisors are learning fast and are able. Another great loss from our unofficial staff that was felt personally and keenly by all the staff members, their families, the hospital, and patients was the death of beloved Sister Elizabeth who was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her for the last sixty years because of her kindness, compassion, medical and spiritual guidance.

I wish to thank personally the whole hospital staff, all the doctors, Sisters, nurses, aides, technicians, and all the personnel for their cooperation and the assistance given me during this past year as Chief of Staff. I extend these same thanks to all again on behalf of each and every doctor on the staff.

I want to express special thanks to all the members of the various committees for their faithful attendance, cooperation, and the tremendous amount of work they did.

Sister Francis Xavier, Sister Annora, and Sister Sebastine were of inestimable help throughout the year to the Chief of Staff, the Committees, and the staff and deserve special thanks.

Sincerely,



Joseph B. Gaida, M.D.
Chief of Staff

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.....

Without a doubt, the highlight of the year 1956 was the letter telling us that our hospital is ACCREDITED. Although this was made possible through the efforts of many people, the medical staff deserves a great deal of credit! The various committees have worked very hard, first in studying the various recommendations of the Joint Commission and then in seeing how our hospital was carrying out these recommendations. Much work has been done but we cannot sit back on our laurels now and think that our job is finished. We still have a whole page of recommendations to work at during 1957. I trust that all of you will continue to see the need of our working together on these things to assure our patients of the very best care.

It was in December of 1955 that we received word that our hospital was to receive a grant of \$161,200.00 from the Ford Foundation. During this past year we received half of this amount, \$80,600.00. You may have wondered just how we spent this money. \$5,000.00 were spent to buy twelve new carts for the Recovery Room. Another \$57,000.00 were spent on the new Central Supply ---- to pay the architect, contractors and for equipment that is to go into this department. One quick look will assure you that it will take considerably more money to complete the area! Included in this Central Supply project is the replacement of all the autoclaving and sterilizing equipment in the hospital. We had hoped to set up our new Recovery Room and Pharmacy and to install new dish-washing facilities on the patient floors with our Ford Grant also. Right now we are held up on our Central Supply so we will need to move cautiously to see how far our money will reach. We are always glad to hear from you as to what our greatest needs are and how best to go about filling them.

I want to thank all the members of the medical staff for the fine cooperation displayed during the past year, particularly the officers and the various committees who gave a great deal of time to the workings of the hospital. Also, to the doctors who so generously give of their time and energy in caring for our sick Sisters, we say a most sincere Thank You.

The Sisters join me in wishing all of you God's choicest blessings for the year 1957.

Sister Francis Xavier, O.S.B.

Sister Francis Xavier, O.S.B.
Administrator

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

It happened at last--the long-awaited visit from a representative of the Joint Commission on Accreditation. On October 25 Dr. Nordlander surveyed our hospital and medical staff and in mid-December we received the heartening word that although there is a rough spot here and there, our hospital is fully accredited. This reassures us that our staff and committee organization are sound and is the reward for our hard work. The diagram on the following page shows the committees, the usual route of communication, and doctors who served in 1956.

The survey interview in which many of the doctors participated included medical staff meeting programs and emphasized the need for review of selected current and recently discharged patients from all services with the object of improving the services of both the hospital and the medical staff. These discussions may reveal the need of a piece of equipment, a change in a routine procedure, a change in a standing order, and so on.

In the past year we continued the review of deaths by means of a monthly report by the pathologist and a printed list of the causes according to service. In addition the following programs were presented by members of the staff:

- Jan.: Annual Department Reports
- Feb.: "Early Diagnosis of Slipped Upper Femoral Epiphysis", Dr. E. LaFond
- Mar.: "The Use of Hysterosalpingography as a Diagnostic Procedure", Dr. L. Loes
- Apr.: "Pilonidal Disease", Dr. C. Luckemeyer

- May: "Regional Ileitis", Dr. R. Jones
- June: "The Use of Exchange Transfusion in the Treatment of Erythroblastosis Fetalis", Dr. V. Neils
- July: "One Man's Opinion on Cesarean Section", Dr. H. Koop

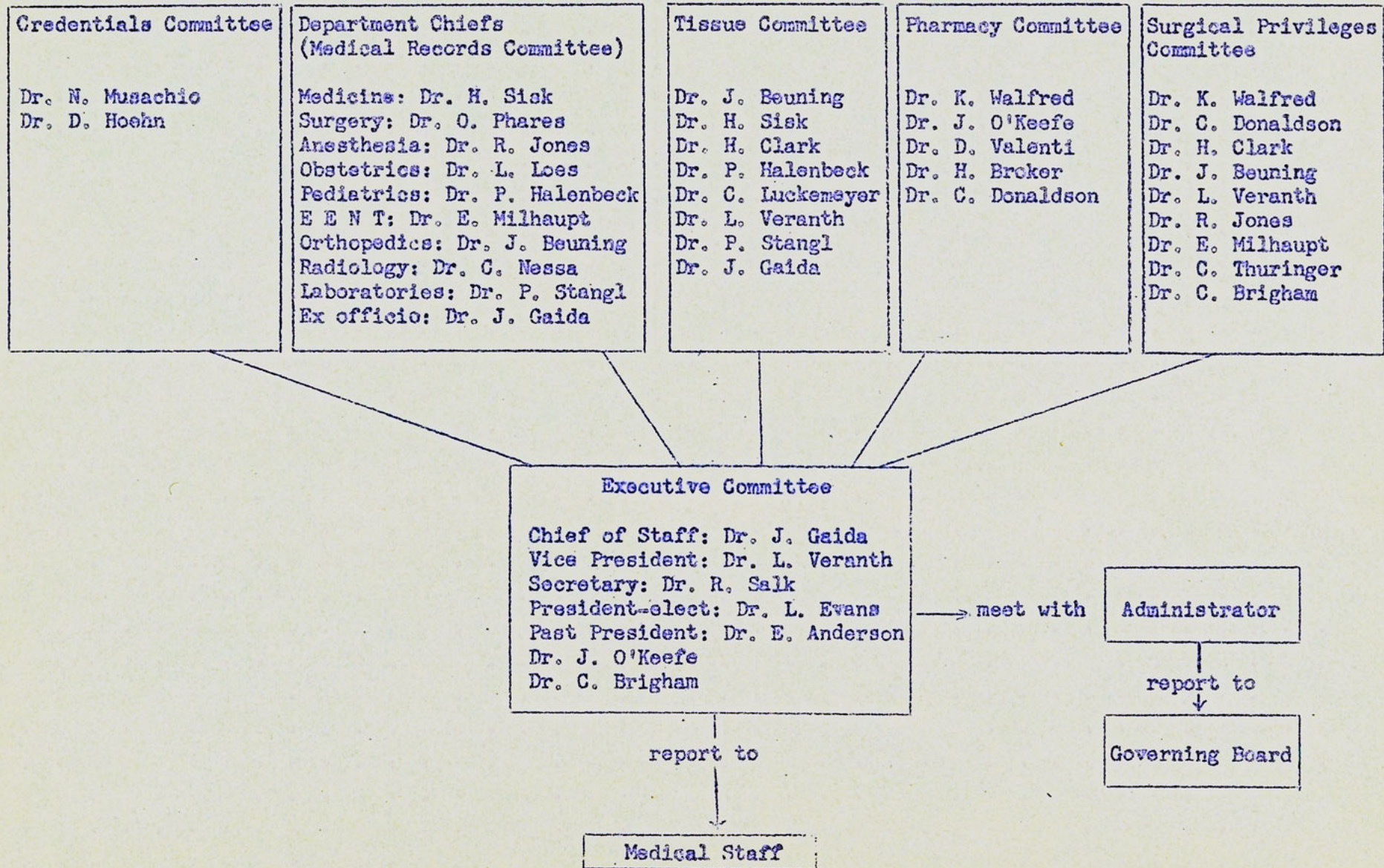
- Aug.: "Ulcerative Colitis", Dr. R. Mueller
- Sept.: "Developmental Cysts of the Neck", Dr. E. Nash
- Oct.: "Carbutamide in the Treatment of Diabetes", Dr. H. Sisk
- Dec.: "Silicosis", Dr. C. Nessa

These papers included case studies on current and discharged patients of this hospital. A copy of each paper is on file in the Record Room for further reference.

The percentage of Active Staff attendance at monthly staff meetings is 85% for the year. Excused absences are included with the number present in this computation. While our rate is comfortably above the 75% required for accreditation, we believe it would be even higher if all excused absences were recorded. In an effort to build up the credit column of this record as much as possible a "Memo" will be sent to all absentees after each staff meeting asking the reason for absence. Your cooperation in returning any you may receive to the Record Room as soon as possible will be appreciated.

Congratulations to Drs. P. Halenbeck, R. Jones, L. Loes, J. O'Keefe, and F. Schatz who have a perfect record of actual attendance at meetings. This is Dr. Jones' second consecutive year for a perfect record. Drs. W. Autrey, C. Brigham, H. Broker, N. Fidelman, R. Petersen, O. Phares, R. Salk and K. Walfred missed only one meeting.

MEDICAL STAFF COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION, 1956

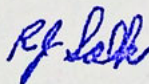


The usual amount of coming and going is recorded in the staff roster. New-comers to the Associate Staff are Dr. S. Koop, Dr. J. Olinger, Dr. K. Halvorson and Dr. T. Vanderpool. We were glad to welcome Dr. S. Handler and Dr. R. Cesnik when they returned from military service.

Six members placed on the Associate Staff in 1955 were promoted to the Active Staff. Dr. Mark Kim was given Active Staff status in December.

Goodbyes were said with regret to Dr. Chadbourn when he went to Minneapolis, Dr. B. Andrews and Dr. D. Hoehn when they left for Colorado, and Dr. E. Nash who is now practicing in Crystal.

At present there are two doctors on our Honorary Staff, 49 on the Active Staff, 5 on the Associate Staff and 5 on the Courtesy Staff.



R. Salk, M. D.
Secretary, 1956

MEDICAL AUDIT

St. Cloud Hospital
1956

Minimum Standards for
Hospital Accreditation*

Average bed occupancy, adults and pediatrics: 220	<u>73%</u>	80% is top limit for efficient bedside care
Average bed occupancy, newborns: 26	<u>52%</u>	
These percentages are figured on the hospital's adult and pediatric bed capacity of 300 beds, and a newborn capacity of 50.		
Average day's stay, adults and pediatrics:	<u>7 days</u>	6 to 10 days
By service: Medicine	10 days	
General Surgery	7 days	
Obstetrics delivered	4 days	
Obstetrics not delivered	2 days	
Obstetrics aborted	3 days	
Gynecology	6 days	
Eye	5 days	
E N T	2 days	
Urology	7 days	
Orthopedics	15 days	
Dermatology	9 days	
Communicable	9 days	
Neurology	7 days	
Psychiatry	6 days	
Tuberculosis	5 days	
Pediatrics	6 days	
(children medical)		
Average days' stay, newborn:	<u>4 days</u>	
Percentage of all deaths to all discharges:	<u>2.4%</u>	4% is maximum
Percentage of autopsies: (80)	<u>23%</u>	20% is minimum; 25% if we wish interns
Postoperative deaths (within 10 days of surgery): (This is the number of deaths compared to all surgery)	<u>.3%</u>	1% considered excessive
Anesthetic deaths: (3727 anesthetics in the O.R.; 1998 anesthetics in the D.R.)	<u>0</u>	Expected mortality--about 1 to 5000 anesthetics
Maternal deaths: 1	<u>.05%</u>	.25% considered high
Ratio of instances of puerperal morbidity to total number of deliveries:	<u>.8%</u>	2% is maximum
Cesarean sections: (2196 deliveries, 52 C. sections)	<u>2.4%</u>	not over 3% to 4%
Ratio of deaths of newborns over 1000 grams to all newborns over 1000 grams: (2162 viable births, 34 deaths)	<u>1.6%</u>	not over 2%
Consultations:	<u>9%</u>	15% to 20% desirable

*These are the standards used by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in its program of surveying and accrediting hospitals.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DISCHARGED PATIENTS
1956

Service	Patients	Inf.		Deaths			Autopsies		Consultations		Hosp. Days	Avg. Stay
		No.	%	No.	%	P.O.	No.	%	No.	%		
Medicine	2,544			228	9.0%		50	22%	206	8%	25,757	10
Surgery	1,777	7	.4%	26	1.5%	14	7	27%	222	12%	12,827	7
Obstetrics:												
Delivered	2,164	16	.7%	1	.05%		1	100%	53	2%	9,166	4
Aborted	253	-	-	-	-		-	-	169	67%	700	3
Not Delivered	334								16	5%	823	2
Gynecology	633	2	.3%	4	.6%	1	1	25%	298	47%	3,516	6
Eye	320	-	-	-	-		-	-	17	5%	1,710	5
Ear, Nose, Throat	1,411	-	-	-	-		-	-	43	3%	3,277	2
Urology	537	-	-	9	1.7%	1	4	44%	77	14%	3,801	7
Orthopedics	749	3	.4%	11	1.5%	1	2	18%	105	14%	11,245	15
Dermatology	194	-	-	-	-		-	-	17	9%	1,715	9
Pediatrics	926	1	.1%	13	1.4%		8	62%	23	3%	5,314	6
Communicable	107	1	.9%	1	.9%		-	-	8	7%	994	9
Neurology	127	-	-	6	4.7%		3	50%	18	14%	831	7
Psychiatry	121	-	-	-	-		-	-	9	7%	784	6
Tuberculosis	6	-	-	-	-		-	-	1	17%	31	5
Total	12,203	30	.2%	299	2.5%	17	76	25%	1,282	11%	82,491	7
Newborn	2,176	6	.3%	49	2.3%	-	4	8%	7	.3%	9,636	4
GRAND TOTAL	14,379	36	.3%	348	2.4%	17	80	23%	1,289	9%	92,127	

RESULTS

Recovered	7,549
Improved	5,210
Not Improved	305
Not Treated	65
Diagnosis Only	902
Deaths under 48 hours	119
Deaths over 48 hours	229
Aborted fetus	43
Stillborn infants	24
Male patients	5,575
Female patients	8,804
St. Cloud patients	6,908
Out-of-city patients	7,471
Catholic patients	10,286
Others	4,093

CONSULTATIONS ELSEWHERE

Six consultations elsewhere were recorded here: one in Medicine, one in E N T, ~~two~~ in Surgery and two in Neurology.

SURGERY

General Surgery	2,556
Gynecology	638
Urology	408
Orthopedics	267
Eye	321
Ear, nose, and throat excluding T & A . . .	612
T & A	603
Obstetrics	278
Circumcisions on newborn	<u>1,010</u>
	6,693

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Patients with carcinoma discharged:

Medicine	70	Surgery	78
Gynecology	12	Urology	46
Neurology	3	ENT	3
Orthopedics	6	Pediatrics	2
Eye	4		

Each patient was recorded only once for 1956 regardless of number of readmissions.

OCCUPANCY DATA
1956

Patients at midnight December 31, 1955 . . .		230
Admissions during 1956		12,213
Newborn in 1956		<u>2,177</u>
Total number of patients		14,620
Deaths	348	
Discharges	<u>14,031</u>	<u>14,379</u>
Patients at midnight December 31, 1956 . . .		241

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	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Daily average of discharges and deaths . . .	38	39
Total number of outpatients	11,119	11,464
Adult and pediatric patient days	82,033	80,437
daily average	225	220
% of occupancy	71%*	73%**
average stay	7 da.	7 da.
Newborn patient days	9,805	9,524
daily average	27	26
% of occupancy (50 bassinets)	54%	52%
average stay	5 da.	4 da.

* Bed complement in 1955: 315

** Bed complement in 1956: 300

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

	<u>Patients</u>	<u>Hospital Days</u>	<u>Average Stay</u>	<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Autopsies</u>
1953	2384	29,282	12.3 days	202	8.5%	34 17%
1954	2740	33,825	12.3 days	231	8.4%	41 18%
1955	3015	29,669	9.8 days	240	8.0%	52 22%
1956	3099	30,112	9.7 days	235	7.5%	53 22%

Table I

	<u>Patients</u>		<u>Average Stay (Days)</u>		<u>Consultations</u>		<u>% Consultations</u>	
	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
	Medicine	2414	2544	10	10	186	206	8%
Dermatology	187	194	9	9	13	17	7%	9%
Tuberculosis	7	6	6	5	4	1	57%	17%
Communicable	153	107	9	9	6	8	4%	7%
Neurology	132	127	7	7	33	18	25%	14%
Psychiatry	122	121	6	6	13	9	11%	7%
Totals	3015	3099	10	10	249	259	8%	8%

Table II

	<u>Deaths</u>		<u>% Deaths</u>		<u>Autopsies</u>		<u>% Autopsies</u>	
	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Medicine	232	228	9.6%	9. %	48	50	21%	22%
Dermatology	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tuberculosis	1	--	14. %	--	--	--	--	--
Communicable	1	11	.7%	.9%	--	--	--	--
Neurology	6	6	4.5%	5. %	4	3	67%	50%
Psychiatry	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	240	235	8. %	7.5%	52	53	22%	22%

CAUSES OF DEATHS

(Medicine, Neurology and Communicable Diseases)
(Pediatrics, Children's Medical, not included)

Age	Cardiovas- cular-renal		"	Malignancy		"	C V A		"	Pneumonia		"	Diabetes		"	Miscellaneous*		Total		
	M	F		M	F		M	F		M	F		M	F		M	F	M	F	
Under 10			"			"	1		"			"			"	1	1	"	2	1
10 -- 19			"	1		"			"			"			"			"	1	
20 -- 29	2		"			"			"			"			"			"	2	
30 -- 39	1		"		1	"			"			"	1		"			"	1	2
40 -- 49	2		"	3	1	"		1	"		1	"			"			"	5	3
50 -- 59	8		"	5	6	"	4	1	"			"			"		1	"	17	8
60 -- 69	18	7	"	3	9	"	5	6	"	2		"	1	1	"			"	29	23
70 -- 79	18	16	"	7	10	"	4	12	"	2	3	"		2	"	1		"	32	43
80 -- 89	11	11	"	4	2	"	4	9	"	4	5	"			"	1	3	"	24	30
90 -- 99	3	1	"	1		"		2	"	4	1	"			"			"	8	4
Total	63	35	"	24	29	"	18	31	"	12	10	"	1	4	"	3	5	"	121	114
	98		"	53		"	49		"	22		"	5		"	8		"	235	

*Miscellaneous causes of death:

Under 10	M	Toxic encephalitis
	F	Bulbar poliomyelitis
50 -- 59	F	Septicemia
70 -- 79	M	Bleeding ulcer
80 -- 89	M	Bleeding ulcer
	F	Hepatitis
	F	Stricture of esophagus
	F	Small bowel obstruction

I wish to thank the staff of the Medical Records Department for their cooperation during the past year and for their assistance in making this report.

Harvey E. Sisk

Harvey E. Sisk, M. D.
Chief, Department of Medicine

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY
1956

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
General Surgery	2431	2302	2556
Gynecology	755	573	638
Urology	354	371	408
Major Emergencies (all types of surgery). .	390	334	378
Minor Emergencies (all types of surgery). .	1074	1152	1180
Postoperative deaths (all services, within 10 days of surgery)	15	14	17
Infections of surgical wounds, all services	11	12	12

During 1956 the sterilization facilities in the Operating Rooms were improved with the addition of a cyclomatic "speed-clave" and instrument washer-sterilizer. Plans for the future include the addition of other equipment of this type.

Study of the surgical lights has resulted in plans for the installation of new lights in the major operating rooms. It is hoped that these lights will be installed in the near future. Additional plans for changes within the operating room suite include expansion of facilities in those rooms now occupied by the autoclaves. Upon completion of the Central Service Department these autoclaves will no longer be needed.

An easily movable sitz bath and a Stedman pump have been obtained for better nursing care of surgical patients. At present substitution of individual dressing tray service for the dressing room cart is on trial. The Recovery Room should not go unnoticed in this report.

In October, 1956, the hospital purchased the orthopedic appliances from the Instrument Pool. This has changed the method of charging for these appliances so that the patient is now billed directly by the hospital. At the staff meeting in November, 1956, it was decided to set instrument depreciation at 20% per year. Until that time no depreciation had been charged. The balance on hand in the Instrument Pool on December 31 is \$2033.54. Because of the condition of many of the instruments it will be necessary to make several replacements within the next few months.

Otto C. Phares

Otto C. Phares, M. D.
Chief, Department of Surgery

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPEDICS

A review of discharged orthopedic records reveals that forty patients over 50 years of age were treated for fracture of the femur due to injury. Ten patients ranging in age from 53 to 93 were cared for without surgery. Seven were discharged improved and three (30%) expired.

Internal fixation was done on 30 patients, age 54 to 86. Twenty-eight of these patients were discharged improved and there were two deaths (7%).

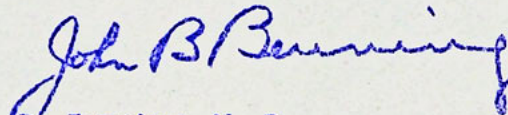
Lorenzo screw, plate, and screws	10
Smith-Peterson nail, plate and screws	6
Plate and screws	4
Smith-Peterson nail only	3
Lorenzo screw only	4
3 screws	2
Prosthesis (head of femur)	1

Statistically the use of the intramedullary pin technique has been increased in the past year.

The Stryker frame is proving a useful asset in the care of disabled patients.

An "orthopedic cart" is now available on 4 North with supplies for treating patients in casts and traction.

It is possible that not all the doctors are acquainted with these means for better and more convenient patient care—they are invited to ask about them at any time and to feel free to use them as needed.



J. B. Beuning, M. D.
Chief, Department of Orthopedics

EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT DEPARTMENT
1956

Patients treated for eye diseases	<u>1955</u> 307	<u>1956</u> 320
Patients treated for diseases of the ears, nose, and throat	1140	1411
T & A, children	463	603

Many general T & A's were done with intratracheal anesthesia during the past year. We recommend this procedure for all general T & A's. It is much safer for the patient; it is easier for the anesthetist to administer; it also makes possible the saving of considerable time by using pentothal in preference to ether in some cases.

After speaking with the pediatric nursing staff, we would like to state the following advantages which have resulted from admitting T & A patients the day prior to surgery:

It has facilitated preoperative examinations such as blood work which tends to decrease mistakes.

It has afforded the Department of Anesthesiology more time to check patients properly.

It tends to make possible smoother operation when something unexpected happens. In more than one case a child was found to have pneumonia and under the new system the operations were cancelled in plenty of time and with less complication.

Although sedation is usually ordered, the patient rarely needs it as he seems to be more relaxed when admitted the night before surgery.

The pediatric nursing staff wishes me to thank the doctors for their cooperation in this matter.

E. N. Milhaupt

E. N. Milhaupt, M. D.
Chief, E E N T Department

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS
1956

I. Data on Discharged Patients

		<u>1954</u>		<u>1955</u>		<u>1956</u>
Deliveries		2210		2173		2196
Spontaneous	1881		1815		1852	
Forceps	192		213		198	
Breech and manual	87		91		94	
Cesarean	50 (2.3%)		54 (2.5%)		52 (2.4%)	
Maternal deaths		0		2		1
Puerperal morbidity*		4		17		16

*These are patients who had a temperature of 100.4° on two or more days postpartum exclusive of the first 24 hours after delivery. An infection etiology for all of them is not established.

II. Newborn Data

		<u>1954</u>		<u>1955</u>		<u>1956</u>
Viable births (over 1000 gm.)		2175		2157		2162
Non-viable (under 1000 gm.)		<u>14</u>		<u>8</u>		<u>15</u>
Total live births		2189		2165		2177
Newborn deaths	All:	42 (1.9%)		44 (2%)		49 (2%)
	Viable:	28 (1.3%)		36 (1.7%)		34 (1.6%)
Stillbirths		20		18		25
Twin births		24		27		34
Triplet births		0		1		0

1956 was another successful year in the Obstetrical Department of St. Cloud Hospital. The statistics for 1956 as given above are very much the same as those for 1955.

During the year a new autoclave was installed which is more convenient for the personnel and safer for all concerned.

The nursery has an "Isolette" (cost, \$770) on a trial basis. Results so far indicate it would be an asset to the department.

Identification of mother and newborn is now provided by the "Identaband" system which is considered a sure way of proper identification.

An innovation especially for patients on 5th floor is the "Newcomers Program" broadcast daily except Sunday over Station W E L L from 9 to 9:30 a.m. by Sister Joel, Supervisor. New babies are announced; music, short stories, poetry and points on child care all find a place in this half hour dedicated to the interests of mothers.

The conservative use of pituitrin, replacement of blood loss and prevention of infection will continue to make our department one of the best in Minnesota.

Louis A. Loes M.D.
Louis A. Loes, M. D.
Chief, Department of Obstetrics

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIA
1956

		<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Anesthetics Given	In the Operating Rooms			
	Ether and vinethene	1152	805	874
	Pentothal sodium (balanced anesthesia)	2460	2293	2475
	Others (cyclopropane, spinals observed, etc.)	204	171	378
	Intubations	189	195	370
	In the Delivery Rooms		2147	1998
Oxygen Given	Cylinders of oxygen used	5335	4126	3405

Personnel

Miss Margaret McIntyre, a graduate of the Barnes Hospital School of Anesthesia in St. Louis, Missouri, joined our staff in January. Sister Judith received a B.A. from the College of St. Benedict at the close of the summer session and is back on the anesthesia staff. In October Miss Phil Zachman who has been on our staff for five years became Mrs. Paul Laky and is living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

School

The students who completed their course in January are now working at St. Francis Hospital, Breckenridge; St. James Hospital, Perham; and Lutheran Hospital, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Those who graduated in September are employed at St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls; Trinity Hospital, Minot, North Dakota; and St. Francis Hospital, Eureka, Missouri. All of them passed their national qualifying examinations for membership in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists on the first try, thus keeping intact the school's perfect record for all graduates. Four new students enrolled in February and three in September.

Anesthesiologist

Joins Staff

Dr. Mark Kim received word of the successful results of the State Board Examination that he wrote in October and is now our full-time Anesthesiologist. We have had proof of his efficiency during his year with us here at the hospital. Congratulations and welcome to the department!

Procedures

More intubations have been done for tonsillectomies during the past year. Since Dr. Kim joined the staff, more spinal anesthetics have been used when the condition of the patient did not warrant the use of general anesthesia.

All surgical patients are now taken to the Recovery Room until they are fully awake. There is a special staff trained by Dr. Kim to care for them. Twelve new Colson Recovery Room carts were purchased for the department.

More endotracheal equipment has been obtained and three aspirator suction for the gas machines. A Mira oxygen analyzer has been purchased for testing the oxygen concentration in tents, croupettes, and incubators.

Appreciation

We wish to thank all the doctors who so patiently help in teaching the students and for their encouragement to both students and graduates.

R. N. Jones, M.D.

R. N. Jones, M. D.
Chief, Department of Anesthesia

Addendum

The nurse anesthetists wish to say a special word of thanks to Dr. Jones for his many years of helpful service to the Department of Anesthesia. We appreciate what he has done for us.

Sister Annelda, O.S.B.
Sister Annelda, O.S.B.
Chief Nurse Anesthetist

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS
1956

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Patients under 2 years of age	714	668	682
Patients between 2 and 14	1861	1582	1736
Hospital days of care	11078	11155	10606
Average stay	4 da.	5 da.	4 da.

The number of children discharged according to services is as follows:



	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Medicine	1003	961	926
General Surgery	226	221	292
Gynecology	4	3	2
Orthopedics	84	81	88
Urology	45	45	35
Dermatology	29	41	43
Eye	78	93	95
Ear, nose, and throat	1011	679	812
Communicable	68	83	81
Psychiatry	1	1	4
Neurology	26	42	40

Team nursing is being continued and proving satisfactory so that it is beginning to influence the way things are done on other nursing divisions. Plans have been made for a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota to conduct an Extension Course in Team Nursing beginning in April, and it is expected that a large number of the graduate nurses will attend.

"What's New" is a ward clerk to handle much of the clerical work at the nurses' station. If this type of employee proves valuable, clerks will be added to other nursing stations to release nurses for the more personal patient care.

Bright, cheerful colors greet one throughout the department since redecoration has been completed. New cupboards were built in the utility room and the old "flower room" changed into a "Formula Room" with a refrigerator for formula storage and a sink. Two children's face tents have been procured--one for aerosol therapy and one for oxygen. If these prove useful, more will be purchased.

The playroom was moved to the solarium and a play program developed. The "Children's Hour" broadcast over Station W E L L from 4:30 to 5 p.m. daily adds to the fun and gaiety. Sister Judith, O.S.B., versatile emcee of this program, visits the floor beforehand to ask the children what music and stories they would like to hear. We were delighted to receive a thousand toys from Miss Frances of Ding Dong School and are very grateful to the Nurses Alumnae Association for the deluge of messages showing interest in the hospital that were sent to the program to obtain this gift.

When Miss Mary Lou Schreiner was married in early summer, Sister Mary Dominic was returned to her former position as Head Nurse and Clinical Instructor. Miss Mary Jane Arnold became Assistant Head Nurse replacing Sister Goretti who was appointed to the Recovery Room staff.

P. L. Halenbeck M.D.

P. L. Halenbeck, M. D.
Chief of Pediatrics

CLINICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORIES

1956

HEMATOLOGY	43,327	CHEMISTRY	16,210
R.B.C.	7,625	Blood	4,248
W.B.C.	9,003	A/G Ratio	82
Hemoglobin	12,774	Amylase	115
Differential	8,020	Bilirubin	134
Sedimentation Rate	1,296	Calcium	56
Bleeding Time	1,433	Ceph. Flocculation	86
Capillary Clotting Time	1,425	Chlorides	159
Prothrombin Time	1,170	Cholesterol	89
Platelet Count	73	CO ₂ Combining Power	172
Eosinophil Count	5	Glucose	2,004
Nasal Smears for Eosinophil	1	Glucose Tolerance	55
Venous Clotting Time	66	Icterus Index	118
Clot Retraction	2	N.P.N.	53
Reticulocyte Count	9	Phosphatase, Acid	16
Capillary Fragility	11	Phosphatase, Alk.	45
Mathemoglobin	1	Phosphorus	24
Fibrinogen	1	Protein	34
L.E. Cells	2	Thymol Turbidity	59
Cell Indices	7	Urea Nitrogen	521
Hematocrit	403	Uric Acid	30
BLOOD BANK	13,075	Potassium	146
A.B.O. Grouping	3,363	Sodium	147
Rh Grouping	3,714	Creatinine	34
Compatibility	2,405	Blood Urea	2
Blood Transfusion	1,787	Alcohol	36
Plasma Transfusion	129	Bromsulphalein	18
Dextran Transfusion	21	Bromide	4
Parvogen Transfusion	1	Barbiturates	1
Serum Albumin Transfusion	15	Vit. C. (Ascorbic Acid)	2
Packed Cells	32	Lipase	1
Phlebotomy	2	Salicylates	1
Blood Donors	1,606	B.S.P.	3
BACTERIOLOGY	3,749	Thiocyanate Level	1
Direct Smears	2,488	Urine	11,167
Gram's Stain	1,879	Routine	10,554
Acid Fast Stain	609	Cystoscopic	134
Cultures	997	P.S.P.	30
Eye and Ear	48	3-Glass Urine Test	4
Urine	220	Pregnancy Test	368
Blood	87	Fractional Pregnancy	1
Fungus	11	Urine for Bile	12
T.B.	126	Sugar-Acetone-Diacetic	30
Stool	33	Porphyrins	9
Cystoscopy	127	Urea	2
Throat	47	Bence Jones Protein	7
C.S.F.	8	Albumin	2
Miscellaneous	154	Specific Gravity	4
Sputum	21	Levulose	1
Spinal Fluid	17	Urobilinogen	5
Milk	92	Concentration	1
Water	6	Fermentation	2
Autogenous Vaccine	1	Alcohol	1
Sensitivities	156	Other	805
Animal Inoculations	106	Gastric Analysis	285
Dark Field Exam	1	Occult Blood	426
		Diagnex	5
		Feces Bilirubin	5

Chemistry...other, continued

Concentration of Hgb. in irrigating fluid	73
Feces Urobilinogen	1
Stone Analysis	5
Stool for Fat	2
Skin Test	3

SEROLOGY 2,643

Cold Agglutinins	1
Paternity Test	3
Agglutination	279
Coomb's Test	286
Rh Antibody Titer	57
Mazzini	34
Heterophile Antibody Titer	33
A.S.O. Titer	60
V.D.R.L.	1,876
Genotype	6
C-Reactive Protein	8

PARASITOLOGY 60

Stool for Parasites	47
Malarial Slides	3
Anal Swab for Pinworms	10

CEREBROSPINAL FLUID TEST 301

Specimens Submitted	120
Protein	102
Glucose	37
Cell Count	73
Smear	5
Culture	5
Mazzini	20
Chloride	13
Colloidal Gold	24
Sugar	22

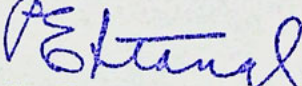
HISTOLOGY 4,176

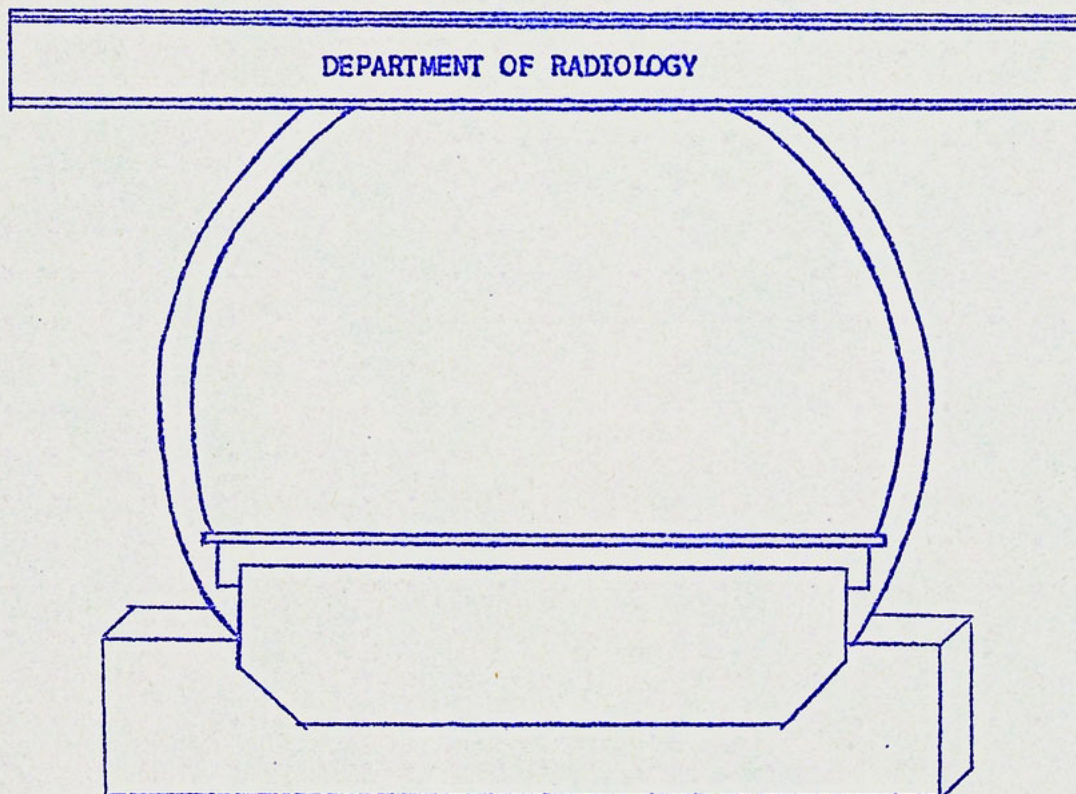
Gross	1,489
Microscopic	2,687
(includes 87 frozen sections and 20 bone marrows)	

Autopsies on hospital patients	80
Coroner's cases, former patients	8
Autopsies on former patients, not coroner's cases	5

Electrocardiogram	1,350
Basal metabolism	328

We welcome your visits and your
comments at any time.


P. E. Stangl, M. D.
Pathologist



The Radiological Department presents the following report and comparable statistics for the year ending December 31, 1956:

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Diagnostic Examinations	25,238	25,999	27,074
Fluoroscopic Examinations	2,467	2,673	2,622
X-Ray Treatments:			
Deep Therapy	2,333	2,318	2,232
Superficial Therapy	1,010	653	687

It may interest you to know that the number of Cholografin studies carried out this year has doubled over last year's count.

Our department has taken on many changes in the past year both in physical set-up and in the administrative personnel.

A new General Electric Imperial 500 Ma. x-ray unit was installed during the spring. This addition made it necessary to use the original office for an x-ray room. The new office is now located at the entrance of the department; this arrangement facilitates the handling of both in and out patients. A new 200 Ma. radiographic unit was installed in the cystoscopic room, thus eliminating the complications which arose when we had to rely upon the use of the portable machine for studies carried out in this room as well as all other portable x-ray work.

The department has taken on a "new look" with some of the rooms finished in durable plastic tile and a new floor laid in one of the radiographic rooms. The darkroom maze has been removed and a wet viewing room set up. This consists of a light-proof pass-through tank which enables us to view the wet films without entering the processing room. Two new pass boxes have been installed thus facilitating the exchange of films from the four radiographic rooms.

In September, Sister Sandra left to continue her studies at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota. Sister Jonathan replaces her as department and school supervisor. Mr. Ervin Smith is assistant supervisor, a position formerly filled by Sister Jonathan. A new addition to the graduate staff is Sister Jean, who received her training at St. Benedict's Hospital in Ogden, Utah, and is a graduate of the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn. We were happy to welcome back two former graduates, Mrs. Bert Lommell and Miss JoAnne Hyneman. This brings our total number of registered technicians to nine.

The School of X-Ray Technology graduated eight students in August. These new graduates are now employed at Los Angeles, California; Pueblo, Colorado; Mason City, Iowa; and at Rochester, Brainerd and St. Cloud, Minnesota. The present enrollment in the School of X-Ray Technology is thirteen; seven first-year and six second-year students.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation given to our department by Sister Francis Xavier, the Administrative Staff, the Medical Staff and the entire personnel of the hospital.

C. B. Nessa, M. D.,

C. B. Nessa, M. D.

E. M. Anderson, M. D.

E. M. Anderson, M. D.

MEDICAL REFERENCE LIBRARY
1956

The most recent journal subscribed to by the library is the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ORTHOPSYCHIATRY. It is the policy of the library to provide official publications of an organization of some standing, preferring publications containing original, signed articles which make a contribution of more than local interest to medical knowledge or practice. The above-mentioned journal has a good rating in the psychiatry group.

Before the Armed Forces Medical Library became the National Library of Medicine of the United States, our library received series three and four (M) of the INDEX-CATALOGUE OF THE LIBRARY OF THE SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE. Because of the size of the collection, the volumes are housed in the School of Nursing Library. The greatest value of the INDEX-CATALOGUE lies in the fact that it is a selective, cumulative bibliography, obviating the necessity of searching many volumes when preparing lists.

The new 1956 AMERICAN MEDICAL DIRECTORY is available in the Medical Reference Library. Older editions are shelved in the School of Nursing Library, where they are kept indefinitely.

During the year the library received a number of medical journals from members of the staff. We are grateful to the doctors who are helping to complete our journal files.

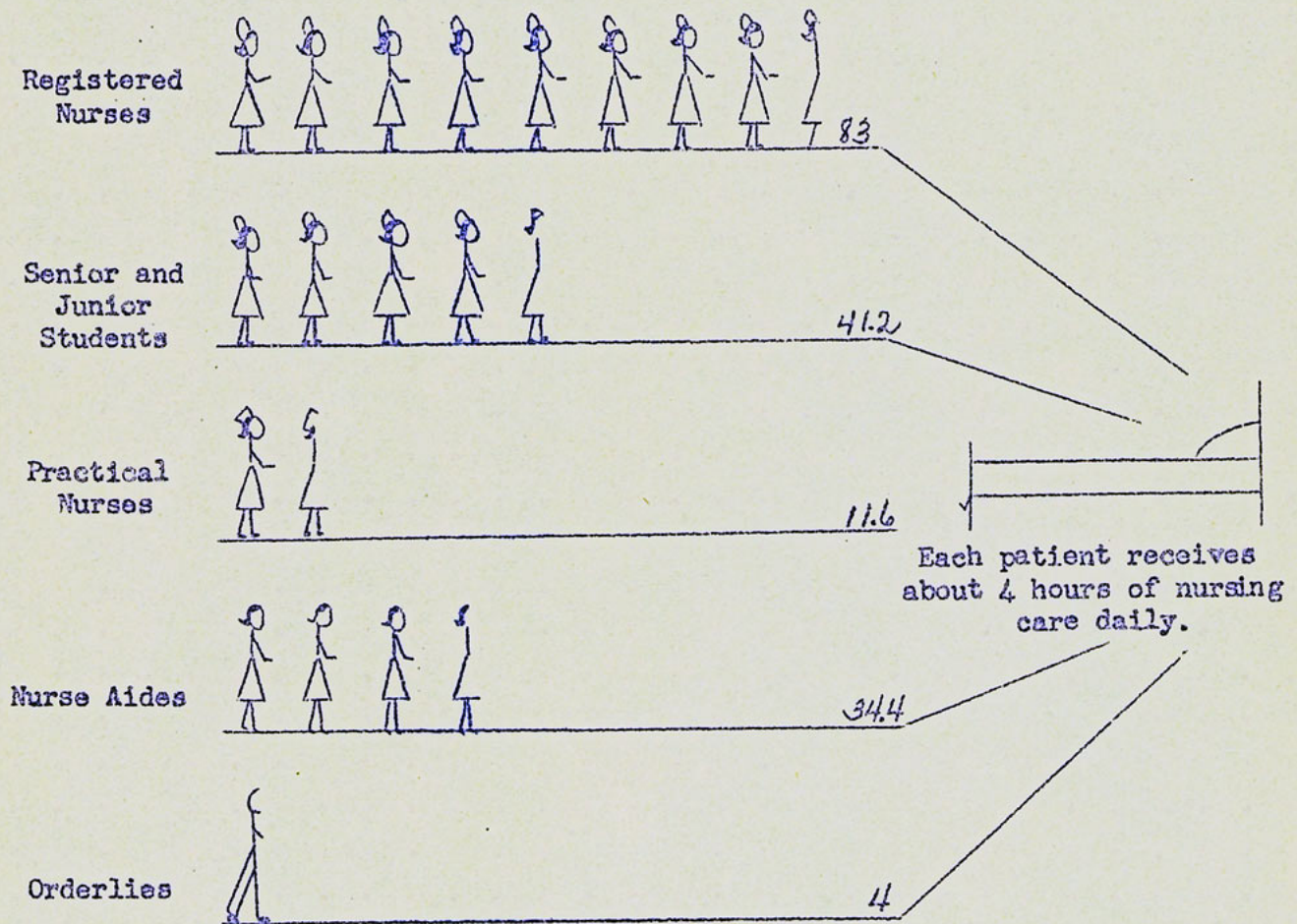
Sister M. Myron, O.S.B.

Sister M. Myron, O.S.B.
Librarian

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SERVICE

Much has been said and written about proper staffing for nursing care. Attempts have been made to determine how much bedside care each patient should have—and how much he does get. But leaders in nursing are venturing to say it is quite impossible to state an exact figure for either question. There are too many elusive factors and too much disagreement on just who and what should be included in the computation. We would, however, like to report the approximate amount of bedside care each patient in our hospital receives daily from nursing personnel.

Each complete figure in the graph below represents 10 full-time employees engaged in bedside care of patients. Nurses in administrative positions are included but school faculty, operating room and central service employees are not. The hours of part-time workers are adjusted to an equivalent number of full-time employees. Senior students are evaluated at 75% of a registered nurse and junior students at 50% of a registered nurse. Freshman students are not included.



The hours of nursing service have been computed on actual nursing service statistics for August to November, 1956, inclusive. We feel that these are typical figures for the year except that there may be a slight variation for the summer months. Approximately 75% of care is given by professional employees and 25% by non-professional.

In response to a request from the Medical Records Committee, a new intake-output record has been designed, used experimentally, and is now at the printer's. What was thought at the outset to be a small matter of revamping a form already in use turned out to be a project requiring nine months for completion and resulted in new procedures throughout the hospital for recording intake and output. The time and effort on the part of doctors, nurses, and administration to complete this project are typical of what is needed to bring about a change in an established routine where many people are concerned.

As new and different equipment has been added to the nursing floors, procedures have been established and personnel trained in their use.

We would like to thank the doctors for their cooperation in the use of this equipment and for their help in working out satisfactory procedures.

Sister M. Keith

Sister Keith, O.S.B., R.N.
Director of Nursing Service

PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT

Modalities used:

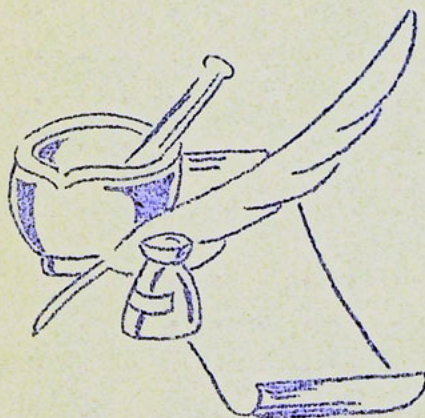
Exercise	1952	-----	4109	
	1955	-----	3088	
	1956	-----	2567	
Massage	1952	-----	997	
	1955	-----	418	
	1956	-----	677	
Infra Red	1952	-	79	
	1955	-	87	
	1956	---	284	
Whirlpool	1952	-----	1306	
	1955	-----	1185	
	1956	-----	1010	
Diathermy	1952	-----	1066	
	1955	-----	1929	
	1956	-----	1397	
Hot Packs	1952	-----	578	
	1955	-----	1024	
	1956	-----	1205	
Muscle Reeducation	1952	-----	2692	
	1955	-----	690	
	1956	-----	367	
Ultraviolet	1952	---	201	
	1955	---	259	
	1956	--	158	
Gait Training	1952	---	329	
	1955	-----	763	
	1956	-----	651	
Electrical Stimulation	1952	-	63	
	1955	--	176	
	1956	-	114	
Muscle Test	1952	--	181	
	1955	-	42	
	1956	-	20	
Paraffin Bath	1952	none		
	1955	--	228	
	1956	-	106	
Ultrasonia	1952	none		
	1955	none		
	1956	--	222	

For each month of 1956
 Average number of patients 82
 Average number of visits 470

An ultra sonic generator was added to the equipment during the year. No change in personnel occurred.

During 1956 the Physical Therapy Department did not treat a single new case of anterior poliomyelitis with a resulting residual paralysis.

Emmet F. Shaughnessy
 Chief Physical Therapist



THE PHARMACY

Today's pharmacist, according to a recent survey, has a new role to play--professional consultant to the medical profession on new drugs and pharmaceutical specialties. During the past year we have installed a "New Products Department" where we display the new drugs as they appear on the market. Even before the salesman is in the doctor's office to detail him, we have the product on our shelf. We are able to do this through an arrangement whereby a starting package is shipped to us immediately after its release. The pharmaceutical houses included in this "drop shipment" program are:

Abbot Laboratories
Ciba Pharmaceutical
Eli Lilly and Company
Hoffman-LaRoche Incorporated
Lakeside Laboratories
Lederle Laboratories
McNeil
Pfizer
Robbins Company
Schering Corporation
Searle and Company
Smith, Kline and French Laboratories
Upjohn
Warner-Chilcot
Winthrop Stearns

Thus far we have felt this program is a real asset to the department. It is our assurance and yours that we will have the product on hand when the patient needs it.

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee consisting of Drs. K. Walfred, Chairman, J. O'Keefe, H. Broker, C. Donaldson, and D. Valenti met five times during the past year and made a study of the use of so-called "dangerous drugs" in the hospital: sulfas, antibiotics, narcotics, anticcagulants, and butazoladine. The results of this study are now being compiled. We wish to thank the members of the committee for the time and assistance they have given us.

During the past year the pharmacy filled a daily average of 160 requisitions from the nursing stations and 6 outpatient prescriptions. The number of outpatient prescriptions is small, but in accordance with the recommendation of the American Pharmaceutical Association, we have suggested that all ambulatory patients leaving the hospital have their prescriptions filled at their neighborhood drug store.

May we take this opportunity to thank the Administration, the Medical Staff and nursing personnel for their cooperation and assistance. During the coming year we will continue our efforts to give the best in pharmaceutical service to you and to the patients we serve.

Sister Danile, O.S.B.

Sister Danile, O.S.B., B.S., R.Ph.
Chief Pharmacist

REPORT OF THE DIETARY DEPARTMENT
1956

Total number of meals served:	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Patients	237,421	230,799
Personnel	349,149	376,199

Daily average number of meals served:		
Patients	650	631
Personnel	954	1028

At the present time we have no breakdown in the number of patient trays served except the number served from the Special Diet Kitchen. The actual number of modified diets is even higher than the figures indicate. The bland, the hi-calorie, the hi-protein and the soft lo-sodium diets with corresponding modifications of the general menu, or addition of supplements, are served from the floor pantries. The number of pureed diets served is also higher than that given because where the number justifies, the pureed food is sent to the floor pantry and served from there.

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Trays served from the Special Diet Kitchen	24,153	58,647	69,720
Average number served each meal	22	53.6	63.4
% of total patient meals		24.7	30.2

TYPES OF MODIFIED DIETS SERVED

<u>Common Diets</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Diets Less Commonly Used</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
Allergy	1001	Gastroenterostomy	31
Bland	525	Hi-CHO, Hi-Protein	47
Diabetic	3375	Hi-Pro Liquid	24
Gallbladder	790	Non-residue	21
Gastric surgery	157	Miscellaneous	41
Hi-CHO, Hi-Cal	296		
Hyperemesis	166		
Hyperinsulinism	221	Nourishments	4551
Lo-cholesterol	465	Fat-free suppers	434
Lo-residue	523		
Lo-sodium	4142		
Other fat restriction	879		
Puree	2281		
Reduction	2229		
Selective	2281		
Sodium-poor	1559		
Special	149		
Ulcer	2037		

The number of selective diets may be disproportionately high. The patient can easily check his choice of beverage and bread with the one who delivers his tray. Experience has proved that very often the food on the house menu is chosen, and the tray served from the floor would be just as acceptable as that from the special diet kitchen.

DIET INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN AS ORDERED

Allergy	14	Lo-residue	18
Bland	24	Lo-sodium	42
Diabetic	135	Other fat restrictions	27
Gallbladder	75	Reduction	46
Gastroenterostomy	2	Sodium-poor	8
Gastric surgery	3	Ulcer	106
Lo-cholesterol	4	Miscellaneous	7

Total number of diet instructions given in 1955: 418; in 1956: 511.

It is gratifying and encouraging to note the increase in the number of instructions ordered. However, a request for ordering them earlier is made. The patient eager to go home—the patient with bag in hand—is not very receptive to diet instructions whereas if given earlier, his response is usually good.

FORMULA ROOM

<u>Type of formula prepared</u>	<u>Ounces</u>	<u>Type of formula prepared</u>	<u>Ounces</u>		
Baker's	17,380	Skim milk		1702	
Bremil	768	Skim milk, boiled		1184	
Carnation	10,726	SMA		11151	
Carnation-cartose	6,315	Sobee		10064	
Carnation-dextrimaltose	39,653				
Carnation-karo	5,567				
Casec	166				
Dalactum	504				
Goat's milk	126				
Homogenized milk	48,582				
Homogenized-cartose	236				
Homogenized-dextrimaltose	127				
Homogenized-karo	432				
Lactogen	90				
Lactose	20,005				
Lactum	38,162				
Lytren	309				
Mullsoy	7,772				
Olac	17,533				
Pelargon	266				
Probara	972				
Protein milk	621				
Similac	7,383				
			<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
		Total amount			
		prepared (oz.)	274,519	255,624	247,796
		Daily average	752	700	677
		Total no. of			
		types ordered	41	33	41 27

Bacteriological counts were consistently good.

The Dietary Department wishes to thank the medical staff and hospital personnel for their cooperation and help.

Sister Glenore, O.S.B.
 Sister Glenore, O.S.B.
 Director, Dietary Department

SCHOOL OF NURSING
1956

Students	Class	Year	Number	Withdraw	Remaining
		Admitted	Admitted		
	Seniors	1954	67	17	50
	Juniors	1955	66	12	54
	Freshmen	1956	60	7	53
			<u>193</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>157</u>

Faculty	Home School	Full Time	Part Time	Total
		Nurse Faculty	7	1
Non-nurse Faculty	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	
		8	6	14

Curriculum	Distribution of Hours	Hours	Per Cent
		General Education	175
Biological and Physical Science	242	16.7%	
Social Science	128	8.9%	
Non-clinical Nursing Courses	84	5.8%	
Clinical Courses	<u>819</u>	<u>56.5%</u>	
		<u>1448</u>	100. %

Financial Aid		Seniors	Juniors	Freshmen
		State Scholarships	7	13
Grace Weiss Halenbeck Scholarships	5	5	0	
Marian Scholarships (given by the hospital)	2	0	0	

Faculty Changes Mary Claire Simons, R.N., B.S., was appointed to the faculty in August as Instructor in Orthopedic Nursing. Sister Marguerite, Instructor in Surgical Nursing, was transferred to the New Prague Community Hospital. Jean Devine Weitzel was married in August and resigned from the faculty.

National Accreditation

On December 31 we received a wonderful letter from the National League For Nursing, New York City:

"During the fall meeting of the Board of Review for Diploma and Associate Degree Programs of the Accrediting Service of the National League For Nursing, the report of the program in nursing offered by the St. Cloud Hospital School of Nursing was carefully reviewed. It is a pleasure to announce that the board approved the program for full accreditation and recommended that it be so listed in the February, 1957, issue of NURSING OUTLOOK."

Thank you

The faculty and students wish to express their deep appreciation to the priests, Sisters, doctors, nurses, and to anyone else who contributed to the school's attainment of full accreditation and who in any way contributed to student learning.

Sister Giovanni, O.S.B.
Sister Giovanni, O.S.B.
Director of the School

HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS

- January
- Christmas party for hospital employees on January 4 and for the students in the four schools on January 6. Christmas dinners were held for the first and second-year student nurses as well as for all students in the Schools of Anesthesia, X-ray Technology and Medical Technology.
- Sister Annelda participated in a Workshop for Nurse Anesthetists in Chicago on January 21 and 22.
- February
- Annual dinner for the third-year student nurses with assistant head nurses attending.
- Sister Annora attended the Minnesota Institute for Hospital Administrators at the University of Minnesota February 20 through 24. Sister Francis Xavier served on the faculty for the institute and presided for several sessions.
- Sister Danile attended an Institute in Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota.
- Sister Glenore, Sister Annora and Esther Merklng were guests at the annual dinner for the Technical High School Cooperative Part-Time Students and their employers on February 28.
- Fifty-six first-year student nurses received caps on February 26.
- March
- Mrs. Lena Hagen, Assistant Director of Nursing Service, attended a Workshop for Instructors of Nurse Aides, Orderlies and Attendants on March 8 and 9.
- Sister Keith and Sister Joel attended a meeting of the Minnesota League For Nursing in Minneapolis at which the main discussion was on "Rating the Employee".
- Miss Helen McLane, Mrs. Lidwina Kray, and Miss Doris Jesh attended a two-day institute at the University of Minnesota on "Human Relations".
- April
- Sister Consilia attended the annual meeting of the Catholic Library Association in Boston.
- Hospital Council of District III of the Minnesota Hospital Association consisting of 28 hospitals of the area met here April 11.
- Sister Glenore attended the 6th Regional Meeting of the National Catholic Council of Home Economics at the College of St. Catherine.
- Sister Annora participated in a panel on personnel administration at the spring meeting of the Minnesota Conference of Catholic Hospitals in Hibbing. Her topic was "Competent Supervision---An Integral Part of Personnel Administration."

May

National Hospital Week was observed May 6 to 12 with the theme, "Your Hospital . . . For You and Your Community". The St. Cloud Civil Defense Truck was on display on the hospital grounds during National Hospital Week.

Sixty employees who have worked at the hospital continuously for five years or more were honored at a recognition dinner. Five employees received special service pins for ten years of employment.

Eighteen department heads and 22 other members of the administrative staff participated in a week's conference to discuss problems of supervision, responsibility and authority.

Jim Trobec joined the staff as Business Manager May 1.

Mother Richarda, President of our Governing Board, and six other Sisters attended the 41st Annual Convention of the Catholic Hospital Association in Milwaukee May 21 to 24. Harry Knevel, our Purchasing Agent, also attended the convention as well as the Institute on Hospital Purchasing just prior to it.

More than 35 Sisters and 14 lay employees attended part of the Upper Midwest Hospital Conference held May 23, 24, and 25 in Minneapolis.

Miss Magdalen Froncak attended the annual convention of the American Nurses' Association in Chicago May 14 to 18.

June, July

Four students began the course in Medical Technology.

Charles Roach and Robert Wilken, students at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, came to work as externs for the summer.

Retreatsvacations

August

Picnic at River-Edge for men employees and their families.

More than 360 employees and students enjoyed a noon lunch at River-Edge.

Many graduations

53 student nurses on August 15

8 x-ray students on August 26

3 students of the School of Anesthesia on August 12

Sister Cassian of the nursing school faculty received her M.A. from the University of Minnesota.

September

The "Welcome Mat" was put out for 73 new students:

62 in the School of Nursing
7 in the School of X-ray Technology
3 in the School of Anesthesia
1 in the School of Medical Technology

Sister Carmen returned to Marquette University to finish work for her B.S. degree in nursing. (She will finish in January, 1957, and stay on to work for her M.S.)

Sister Maureen went to the College of St. Benedict to finish work for her B.S. degree. Sister Sandra is attending school there also. Sister Jonathan replaced her as X-ray Department head.

Sister Aaron returned from the College of St. Benedict to take up the duties of Office Manager. Sister Luke left here to take a faculty position at the College.

B-E Day brought ten teachers from T.C. and other St. Cloud Schools to our hospital for the day.

On September 16 Sister Francis Xavier was received as a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators in Chicago.

Sister Annelda participated in a week's session of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists in Chicago.

Sister Francis Xavier, Sister Mary Jude and Sister Keith attended the annual convention of the American Hospital Association in Chicago held September 17 to 20.

October

Sister Mary Jude and Marian Town attended a 3-day Institute on Nursing Education sponsored by the Conference of Catholic Schools of Nursing at Rochester, Minnesota.

On October 19 Miss Frances of television's "Ding Dong School" announced that she would present 1000 Ding Dong toys to St. Cloud Hospital.

November

November 13--dedication of the hospital's own broadcasting station, WELL.

A large group of Sisters participated in the annual meeting of the Minnesota Conference of Catholic Hospitals in St. Paul. Sister Francis Xavier was elected a Director.

Sister Keith, Sister Mary Dominic and Sister Joel participated in an Evaluation and Guidance Conference on November 8 and 9.

Emmet Shaughnessy attended an institute for physical therapists in San Francisco November 5 through 9.

November
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Sister Roger and Mrs. Priscilla Moosbrugger participated in a workshop sponsored by the 3rd and 4th District of the M.N.A. Central Service Supervisors' Conference Group.

Seven members of the administrative staff attended the annual meeting of the Minnesota Hospital Association on November 9. Sister Francis Xavier was elected First Vice President.

November 23, 24, and 25 marked the annual "40 Hours Devotion" at our hospital.

Four of our head nurses attended a 2-day Head Nurse Workshop at the University of Minnesota.

Two students from our school of nursing entered the Scholasticate at the Convent of St. Benedict.

Sister Rita Claire and Sister Leo attended a Safety Seminar in Chicago November 26 through 30.

Dr. P. Halenbeck presented Grace Weiss Halenbeck Scholarships to five 2nd-year students in the School of Nursing.

December

Dr. Mark Kim began as our anesthesiologist December 1.

33 "priests-to-be" spent an afternoon in our hospital getting acquainted with hospital activities.

Seven students in the School of X-ray Technology received their caps.

A census of hospital personnel and students on December 31, 1956, gives the following picture:

Graduate nurses	93	Chaplains	2
Graduate technicians	20		
Licensed practical nurses	16	Sisters (excluding students)	75
Nurses' aides	39		
Orderlies	6	Students:	
		Nursing, 1st year	53
Clerical workers	31	2nd year	54
Hospital aides	47	3rd year	50
Department aides	22		
Dietary aides	48	X-ray, 1st year	7
Laundry workers	18	2nd year	6
Chefs	2	Anesthesia	7
Engineers, maintenance workers and elevator operators	30	Medical Technology	6
Miscellaneous	9		
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