

Notes & Announcements

Guidelines for Non-invasive Vascular Laboratories

The CMA Committee on Health Disciplines convened a subcommittee of interested parties in designing guidelines to define standards of vascular laboratories in Canada. Various societies were represented at a meeting in Toronto on October 18, 1990. Dr. J.W. Norris of Toronto was the Canadian Neurological Society representative.

The subcommittee drew up guidelines for standards for equipment, laboratory facilities, technologists and supervising physicians, using a draft previously circulated by the Canadian Society of Vascular Surgery.

A copy of the 20 page document can be obtained from Dr. John W. Norris, Stroke Research Unit, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4N 3M5.

This document was forwarded to the CMA Board of Directors in December 1990, and will become the official policy statement, if approved.

Toronto Hospital Update

As part of the ongoing merger of Toronto General and Toronto Western Hospitals, neurosciences will be mainly located at the Western Division. Neurosurgery is already consolidated there and neurology will soon follow.

The centre for research in neurodegenerative disease in the Tanz Neurosciences Building opened in July 1990. The interim

Director is Dr. Don MacLachlan. The major thrust will be the molecular basis of Alzheimer disease and related disorders.

The Eye Research Institute with a major neurosciences focus is located in the Western Division and Dr. John Stevens of the Playfair Unit has been appointed as its first director.

The first meeting of the **Canadian Neuro Critical Care Group** was held in Toronto, Ontario, on Friday, September 14th, 1990. Charles Bolton, London, was elected President and Bryan Young, London, was elected Secretary. Dean Sandham, Calgary, President-Elect of the Canadian Critical Care Society will represent Internal Medicine, Douglas Zochodne, Kingston, will represent Neurology, John Edmonds, Toronto, will represent Education, and Simon Levin, London, will represent Paediatric Neurology. The formation of the group was given strong support by the Board of the Canadian Critical Care Society, chaired by the President, John Hewson. The Society encourages Canadian neurologists and neurosurgeons to join the Canadian Critical Care Society and a Symposium on Neuro Critical Care will be held at the Society's meeting in 1992. The next meeting of the Canadian Neuro Critical Care Group will be at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June, 1991. All those interested in joining the group should contact Dr. G. Bryan Young, Secretary, Canadian Neuro Critical Care Group, Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences, Victoria Hospital, 375 South Street, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 4G5 (Fax: 519-667-6766).

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Essays should be no more than 15 pages, and the deadline for submissions is March 30, 1991.

Submit papers to:

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Le prix est de 1000\$ plus les frais de participation au Congrès canadien des sciences neurologiques qui se tiendra à Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse, du 18 au 22 juin 1991 et à l'occasion duquel le récipiendaire canadien présentera son document.

Les articles, qui doivent être présentés au plus tard le 30 mars 1991, ne devraient pas excéder 15 pages.

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