INTERNET GUIDANCE

This time, we have decided to offer the address of an excellent American journal, Postgraduate Medicine, http://www.postgradmed.com/

because it brings a series of review articles from clinical medicine, actually part of the Continuous Medical Education (CME) program. We suggest you to take a look of No. 5 from May 2000, with extensive contributions on information technology for physicians (on some fifty pages). It is entitled: e. MD

htt://www.postgradmed.com

As the end of the year 2000 is approaching, we would like to complete this section with a proposal that, on the first sight, though, has nothing to do with medicine. Namely, we would like to draw your attention to an old and popular Croatian journal, Priroda (Nature), issued since 1911, which has been found to be ever better with time, extending the field of interest from the science and technology to other areas, medicine included. The journal is recommended herewith as a high quality leisure time reading, especially to outdoors enthusiasts.

http://www.inet.hr/ priroda

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HISTORICAL REVIEW

At the end of the year 2000 and of this century, we would like to remind our readers of the history of our hospital. Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital has a long and rich history, as it was founded in 1846 at Saint Vincent de Paul's Sisters of Charity Convent, to the initiative of Cardinal Juraj Haulik. The Hospital developed quite fast, so that as early as 1895, on his visit to Zagreb Emperor Francis Joseph was impressed with its size and organization. At that time, the Hospital had already moved to the present address, in Vinogradska cesta, consisted of eight pavillions for patients, and had central heating and gas lighting. At the very beginning of the 20th century, in 1901, the Hospital purchased an x-ray device (it should be noted that Konrad Roentgen presented his first roentgenograms in 1896).

Throughout the 20th century, the Hospital and its physicians have frequently been attributed as pioneers, first ever, i.e. first departments of surgery, of dermatovenerology, ENT, pathology, pediatrics, pulmonology, urology, and physical medicine; first laboratory of microbiology; and first conorary unit. Also, the first three professors of the Zagreb University School of Medicine were physicians from this Hospital.

The Hospital is a teaching unit of two schools, i.e. School of Medicine, and School of Dental Medicine. During the Patriotic War, the Hospital organized six mobile surgical teams and two war hospitals (in Velika Gorica and Samobor).

During the second half of the 20th century, the Hospital has remained one of the leading medical institutions in Croatia, as illustrated by the fact that the first incubator, cobalt bomb, gamma camera, cerebrovascular Doppler, and laser in ophthalmology and neurosurgery were used at this Hospital. The first cornea transplantation, heart valve transplantation, electromyography, native mammography and artificial cochlea transplantation, performed at the Hospital, speak of due cherishing of the precious tradition of continuous improvement and development of the profession, to the benefit of all people, as nicely expressed by an Arabian proverb: "He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything".

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