

RX: BACON GREASE-FOLK MEDICINE. An amulet . . . "hot" vitamins . . . and the heart of a frog . . . what do they have in common? They all belong to contemporary medical systems that some patients turn to before bringing their problems to a doctor. Rena Gropper, Ph.D. of Hunter College and Courtney Wood, M.D. of the Department of Community Medicine of Mt. Sinai School of Medicine discuss and demonstrate how an understanding of folk medicine beliefs can improve the medical care received by patients who trust cultural beliefs as much as their doctor's advice.

(19 minutes) (in color)

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SICKLE-CELL ANEMIA: MANAGEMENT, with Roland B. Scott, M.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics, Howard University, and Chief Pediatrician at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

There is no curative treatment for sickle-cell anemia, according to Dr. Scott. However, early diagnosis of the disease, which afflicts more than 50,000 black Americans, can ameliorate the most disturbing symptoms. Dr. Scott describes the therapeutic program he follows to enhance survival until the patient reaches puberty — when the natural course of the disease process appears to become attenuated.

(14 minutes) (in color)

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SICKLE-CELL ANEMIA: SUSPICION AND DIAGNOSIS IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN, with Roland B. Scott, M.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics, Howard University, and Chief Pediatrician at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C. Also V. Bushan Bhardwaj, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Howard University, and Pediatric Hematologist, Freedmen's Hospital.

Sickle-cell anemia afflicts more than 50,000 Americans of African descent. Perhaps another two million black Americans carry the trait.

Until recently, it was believed that little could be done for the disease. Now relief from the symptoms and a prolonging of life are possible. This telecast features the characteristics of the disease, and the laboratory procedure followed to establish a conclusive diagnosis.

(20 minutes) (in color)

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SKIN TESTING FOR TB, with John A. Crocco, M.D., Director of Pulmonary Disease Section, St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, New York; and Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York. A demonstration of the correct way to administer two types of TB skin tests, with guidelines for their interpretation.

(12 minutes) (in color)

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SUICIDE — PRACTICAL DIAGNOSTIC CLUES. Matthew Ross, M.D., of the Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, and Massachusetts General Hospital, McLean Division, Boston, describes some signs that will help the practicing physician to spot the potential suicide.

(13 minutes).

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SYPHILIS: AN ERADICABLE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM

William J. Brown, M.D., Chief of the Venereal Disease Program at the National Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Ga., warns physicians of a false sense of security in dealing with syphilis because of recent development of drugs. The need for recognizing the various stages of syphilis is stressed with clear examples.

(8 minutes) (in color)

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SYPHILIS: BE SUSPICIOUS, with Frank M. Callia, M.D., Chief, Infectious Diseases, Loch Raven Veterans Hospital, and Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine, both in Baltimore. A new look at an old enemy, with emphasis on the pros and cons of a variety of serologic tests.

(15 minutes) (in color)

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TECHNIQUES IN EMERGENCY CARE, with Stephen E. Goldfinger, M.D., Director of Community Programs, Department of Continuing Education, and James Dineen, M.D., Fellow in Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

The procedures and armamentarium of the community hospital emergency room are constantly improving. Physicians who have not served as house officers recently will benefit from this program. Current emergency care is demonstrated with a patient in coma, another with unexplained fever, a third with trauma and, finally, several malingerers and depressives.

(16 minutes) (in color)

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THE EMERGENCY ROOM: A GROWING PUBLIC UTILITY, with Stephen E. Goldfinger, M.D., Director of Community Programs, Department of Continuing Education; and James Dineen, M.D., Fellow in Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Physicians have trained their patients to seek medical attention from emergency rooms after office hours. This common practice has placed staggering demands on hospital emergency facilities. How can the hospital meet these demands? Who will staff the emergency facilities? What technical advances have been introduced to assist ER personnel? Doctors Goldfinger and Dineen present answers to these dilemmas.

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