

In 1966, 226,404 days of care were given to almost 12,800 patients. Our operating expenses for 1966 amounted to more than \$19 million in the operation of the hospital. We have a very extensive research program. As of July 1, 1967, our research program amounted to \$6.8 million, of which \$6.6 million came from the Federal Government.

Senator NELSON. Are those NIH funds?

Dr. CHERKASKY. Mostly NIH funds.

Senator NELSON. What kind of research does your hospital do?

Dr. CHERKASKY. Across the board, Senator, we do research in heart cancer, neurological disorders. We actually are doing some drug research in the sense that we are using therapeutic agents in drug therapy in cancer.

Senator NELSON. I assume that since this is federally supported research, that it is on a contract basis for specific research projects.

Dr. CHERKASKY. Yes, it is substantially on a project basis. There are certain broad Federal funds that we can use as we see fit, but the bulk of it is on a project basis.

Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center is a primary teaching affiliate hospital for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx of which I am acting chairman of the department of preventive medicine and community health. Third- and fourth-year medical students serve clinical clerkships and subinternships, respectively, at Montefiore as part of their medical school education. As of July 1, we had 69 interns, 248 residents, and 20 fellows participating in an active medical education program.

You know we have had serious difficulty in the city of New York with the quality of care in the municipal hospital system, and since 1962, Montefiore Hospital, by contract with the city, has assumed the responsibility for the professional services at the Morrisania City Hospital, a 400-bed institution.

We also have a medical group program which we have had for some 20 years, and through this group program we provide total medical care for more than 30,000 people in the community in which we live.

Senator NELSON. Who manages the group program?

Dr. CHERKASKY. We operate it. We own and operate the group. It is a prepaid group practice unit, one of the units of the health insurance plan of Greater New York.

Since I also represent at this hearing the Greater New York Hospital Association, just a note that it is the largest of its kind in the country. It represents 124 institutions, 81 nonprofit voluntary hospitals, homes, 25 municipal institutions with a total of about 55,000 beds.

I have appeared on this subject before, before the Kefauver drug hearings in 1961 and 1962. It appears to me, Senator Nelson, that we are still faced with substantially the same problems that we faced at that time. While the Food and Drug Administration, under Dr. Goddard's very vigorous leadership, has become a much more effective instrument, there are still grave defects in the ethical drugs field.

I am here because as a physician, as a hospital administrator, as one who has devoted my life to medical care, I would like to see proper things happen in the field of prescription drugs. It is clear that whatever regulations or recommendations come from this committee, we must encourage by rules and regulations the kind of sound research