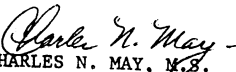


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- f. A request from the Chief, Nursing Service, for Committee approval of a training program and procedure for professional nurses to insert intracaths in the Intensive Care Unit was discussed. Dr. Sivadon will assist with the teaching and development of the procedure. The program was approved by the Committee.
- g. Information compiled by Operating Room and Pharmacy Service personnel indicate that the medication costs for each case of open heart surgery are approximately \$88.00. Approximately one-half of this cost is due to Solu-Medrol. The hospital is doing approximately 100 open heart surgery operations per year.
- h. During the month of February the use of Carbenicillin (Geopen) has been localized principally on Ward 9 South. The use of this drug has been mainly on the Hematology Section.
- i. A discussion was held concerning a trial period for I. V. solutions in plastic bags by Baxter Laboratories and vacuum bottles by Abbott Laboratories. A trial will be started throughout the entire hospital using plastic bags. All 1000 cc Dextrose 5% in Water units will be supplied in plastic bags instead of bottles. All other I. V. solutions will continue to be supplied in bottles. The trial will begin as soon as new stocks can be received and it will continue for one month.
- j. Dr. Griffin submitted a request to extend the usage of Vibramycin (Doxycycline) Capsules, 100 mg, for respiratory disease patients. This drug is presently for use only by Drs. Luton and Jordan for patients with renal impairment. The use for respiratory disease patients was approved. Prescriptions for this new use must be signed by Dr. Griffin. This drug is very expensive.

Cost: Vibramycin Capsules, 100 mg \$60.80/100
- k. Pharmacy inventory is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 1972. All patient appointments should be scheduled around that date.


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