

6A and 6B. Community hospital coronary care training and demonstration program, direct cost—\$55,400

This will complement project #5 by establishing coronary care units of three beds each at three community hospitals: Pittsfield General, St. Lukes, and Vassar Brothers. These will serve as demonstration and educational projects for other hospitals in the region. A continuing educational program will serve the permanent Unit Staff and staffs from smaller hospitals.

7. Training and demonstration project, intensive cardiac care unit Herkimer Memorial Hospital, direct cost—\$3,500

The initial phase of this project is to train 6 or 8 nurses from small community hospitals in cardiac anatomy and physiology, coronary disease, the principals and staffing of a cardiac intensive care unit, and in handling the complex equipment. These nurses will also be sent to Albany Medical Center for active training with specialized equipment.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

The Intermountain Regional Medical Program received its first operational grant award on April 1, 1967 and its current operational award totals \$1,832,800. Approximately 80 staff members are serving in the operational projects, about one-third of whom are from community hospitals working together with the Regional Medical Program staff from the medical center, they are bringing to local health practitioners and hospitals throughout the region modern techniques for treating patients with the categorical diseases.

Approximately thirty hospitals are currently participating in the Program. Three hospitals are represented on the Regional Advisory Group, and almost every major hospital in the region has established a local planning group to study local needs and to serve as liaison with the Central IRMP staff. Seventeen hospitals are participating in the operational projects outlined below, and as the program continues to grow, it is anticipated that additional hospitals will become involved.

Operational Projects

1. Regional faculty and core-staff seminar, direct cost—\$12,600

The University of Utah Medical School will hold a series of quarterly seminars on comprehensive health care, continuing education, contemporary learning theory, behavioral science principles, and measurement technology. The faculty, experts from across the country, will address an audience of health professionals involved in IRMP.

2. Network for continuing education in heart disease, cancer, stroke, and related diseases, direct cost—\$243,000

The objectives of this program are to develop a communications network between patient-care and research institutions to encourage liaison between health care personnel in the area. The currently existing 2-way radio system, including 11 hospitals in 7 communities in or near Salt Lake City, will be extended to remote hospitals to serve as one link. Closed circuit TV and use of KVED (University of Utah education TV) is also planned. This may establish the community hospital as the locus of continuing education.

3. Information and communications exchange service, direct cost—\$40,000

The CIES is a region-wide clearing house for information about IRMP. Staff will be put in local communities to act as public relations representatives and also to distribute information to medical personnel and the public. The community staff will also gather information on community needs and resources and resources and serve as a station for collecting economic, social, and medical data.

4. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training program, direct cost—\$63,400

The University of Utah will give a 3-day course in resuscitative techniques to selected physicians from small communities. Each physician will then be responsible for teaching the techniques to health personnel in his community. This "resuscitation consultant" will also collect data about the number of times resuscitation is employed and the results.