

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

This region began its operational activities on March 1, 1968, with an award of \$418,318. A staff of 47, including about 11 physicians, two nurses, seven other allied health personnel, and 27 other types of supportive personnel such as computer programmers, coding clerks and secretaries will work together to improve local medical capabilities and resources. About half of the staff is from the medical center and the other half is from community hospitals and other local health agencies. This combination of medical center-community personnel helps assure a quality, community oriented program.

Seven hospitals are currently participating, and this number will increase as the program expands over the next few years to reach out to the entire region. Three of these hospitals are directly participating in the projects outlined below, two additional hospitals are on the Regional Advisory Group, and two are serving on planning subcommittees. However, several additional hospitals will benefit from these programs as they send their personnel to be trained in the programs outlined below.

Operational Projects

1. *Freedman's Hospital Stroke Station for the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Investigation of Cerebral Vascular Disease, direct cost—\$181,889*

This project is a comprehensive approach to stroke, from diagnosis and treatment to home care and rehabilitation in an urban Negro area. Based in the Freedman's Hospital, a community hospital in the region, the stroke station will serve as a teaching component for physicians and medical students. Related epidemiological and socio-economic studies will be undertaken.

2. *The Washington, D.C. Regional Cerebrovascular Disease Followup and Surveillance System, direct cost—\$94,200*

Under the sponsorship of Georgetown University, this project is attempting to establish a uniform system for measuring and evaluating medical care given to stroke patients in the area, in order to facilitate nursing and follow-up services. It will provide information helpful in determining community medical facilities requirements, and in carrying out epidemiological or demographic studies. Patients entering the system through the various community hospitals in the region will receive follow-up attention and therefore greater continuity of care.

3. *A training program for cardiovascular technicians, direct cost—\$74,707*

Qualified students are being trained at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. in specific areas of medical observation and procedures to complement nurses' activities. In addition to training personnel for work in hospitals throughout the region, this project hopes to produce a manual for training these technicians in the other regional hospitals.

MISSOURI REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

Operational activities began in Missouri on April 1, 1967, and current operational funds amount to \$2,619,000. An estimated 160 operational staff people, with diverse backgrounds, are serving on the Program, including approximately 15 physicians, four nurses, 16 allied health personnel, three social scientists, and approximately 60 computer specialists and their supporting personnel. The remaining staff provide overall support, such as research and staff assistants and administrative and clerical personnel.

The developmental approach being employed by this region and outlined in project descriptions below suggests that hospital involvement will increase rapidly over the next two years. Currently, nine hospitals are involved in the program, including two hospitals which are represented on the Regional Advisory Committee.

Operational Projects

1. *Smithville community health service program—direct cost \$200,957*

The purpose of this project is to establish a model community health service program including continuing education and training programs and health education for the public; emergency intensive and restorative care facilities; home care programs; public health, preventive medicine, and school health; coordinated with voluntary health agencies. Program centered around Smithville