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612 Industrial Medical Association Reports—Survey Results.

The ratio of medical to non-medical employees in industry is 1/507, according to a questionnaire survey of 585 organizations serving 3,643,577 employees. "Medical employee" means physicians, nurses, technicians, clerical and administrative personnel in the medical departments. There were 951 physicians, each serving an average of 2,487 employed person. There are also 3,804 nurses employed—representing one nurse for every 958 employees—and 63 licensed practical nurses. There are 727 laboratory and x-ray technicians; 1,462 clerical personnel and 186 administrative assistants employed in these medical programs. In addition to these full-time employees, there are 5,344 medical consultants. Medical services provided in relation to the number of employees served are graphically portrayed. Pre-placement examinations are performed at 559 (95.5%) of the plants reporting. Examinations of employees returning to work following illness are performed at 493 (84%) of the plants and chronic disease follow-up examinations are conducted at 344 (58.5%) of the plants. Periodic appraisals are conducted on all employees by 279 (48%) of the plants, while 277 (47%) of the plants conduct such examinations on a special basis only. The larger the facility, the more frequently are examinations done on some special basis rather than routine. Most of the plant medical departments (57.8%) do not treat non-occupational disorders; an additional number (27.3%) do so only at the request of the employee's physician. When non-occupational disorders lead to work disability, 96.7% of the respondent medical directors maintain contact with the employee's physician. Executive health examinations, (provided by 88%), are conducted in the plant medical department, most companies reported.

-- Industrial Medical Association News Release June 9, 1965

613 Travelers Warned on Vaccinations.

A reminder that all travelers planning to visit foreign countries should carry International Certificates of Vaccination was issued by the U. S. Public Health Service. The vaccination against smallpox, within three years, is a requirement for re-entry to the U. S. It is also required by many other countries. The certificates, PHS form 731, are given out with all passport applications. To be valid, the form must include such information as dates of vaccination, the written signature of the vaccinating physician (even if his nurse or technician gave the vaccination under his supervision), and a stamp approved by the health administration of the country in which the vaccination was performed. In the United States, this can be the stamp of the health department of the area in which the vaccinating physician practices. A properly completed form is valid for three years. Copies of the certificates may be obtained from local and state health departments and from offices of the U. S. Public Health Service.

-- AMA News 8, 5 (June 7, 1965)

614 American Association of Clinical Chemists.

The American Association of Clinical Chemists (AACC) has been designated as a sponsor organization under the exchange visitor program of the Department of State. The purpose is to promote the international advancement of clinical chemistry through visits of foreign nationals. AACC will approve and designate such visitors for entry into this country for advanced education and training in clinical chemistry. Dr. Martin Rubin, Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, D. C., chairman of Education and Scholarship Committee of AACC and U. S. representative to the IUPAC Commission on Clinical Chemistry, is responsible for administration of the program.

-- Chem. Eng. News 43, 72 (June 7, 1965).

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