

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL ACTIONS

April 19, 1977

A meeting of the Council was held at the ECMS office on Tuesday evening, April 19, 1977. Dr. A.E. Bythewood, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.m. Those present were: Drs: A.E. Bythewood, Frank Y. Watson, Robert J. Lorello, George L. Benz, and John R. Tobey, Officers; Drs: Peter Amirata, Jr., Daniel N. Burbank, Joel Cherashore, Margarita DeSantis, Harold E. James, Arthur Kern, Geraldine S. Meanor, James J. O'Grady, Cono A. Pecora and Traudel E. Pannullo, Councilors. Drs: Enio J. Calluori, Frank M. Galioto, Gustav L. Ibranyi and Charles I. Nadel, Past-Presidents. Guests of the president were John W. Alexander, M.D., Chairman of our Ad Hoc Committee on Urban Health Strategy; and Mrs. Frank Galioto, Chairman of the Legislation Committee of our Woman's Auxiliary to the Essex County Medical Society.

EMERITUS

Requests for Emeritus Membership were received from Ralph E. Rosamilia, M.D., of Newark and Joshua I. Seidman, M.D., of Millburn. Both are retired and have been members for over 20 years. It was moved, seconded and carried that their names be forwarded to the State Society to be placed on the Emeritus Membership List to be acted upon at the May 14-17, 1977 Annual Meeting, at the Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. James J. Stovin and Dr. Michael Diamond, Co-Chairmen of our Credentials Committee, reported that the Credentials of the following applicants have been inspected and approved:

ACTIVE:

Trevor Atherley, M.D., Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark
Ramalingam Balamohan, M.D., 141 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange
Patrick Chang, M.D., 141 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange
Jeffrey Katz, M.D., 120 Millburn Avenue, Millburn
Surendra Kaul, M.D., 2 Gymoty Road, West Caldwell
Sung Y. Maing, M.D., 287 Kerrigan Boulevard, Newark
Theodore F. Pearlman, M.D., 193-9B Evergreen Road, Edison
George Schnedier, M.D., 38 Heron Road, Livingston
Kanta Shah, M.D., 330 Ratzler Road, Wayne
Michael H. Stern, M.D., 33 Young Avenue, Hillside

It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be published in our Bulletin and take its usual course.

ESSEX DELEGATE CAUCUS

It was decided to have a pre-convention caucus of the Essex delegation on Thursday evening, May 5, 1977 at 8:00 P.M., at the ECMS office.

There will be a breakfast caucus for Essex delegates on Tuesday morning, May 17, 1977 at 7:45 A.M., in the Wedgewood II Room of the Hotel Haddon Hall in Atlantic City prior to the final voting session of the House of Delegates.

ECMS RECEPTION

The ECMS Cocktail party for all Essex County members and their spouses attending the MSNJ Convention will be held on Saturday evening, May 15, 1977 from 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M., in the Derbyshire Room of the Hotel Haddon Hall in Atlantic City.

BERGEN RESOLUTIONS

Four Resolutions were received from the Bergen County Medical Society as follows:

- A) Established compulsory AMA membership.
- B) County Presidents and Presidents-Elect automatically become delegates.
- C) N.J. Legislature remove medical liability from the arena of insurance claims and establish a fund to compensate patients from medical liability misfortune.
- D) Requesting an explanation of commissions paid to the Britton Agency.

Following discussion of each Resolution, it was moved, seconded and carried to refer same to our Essex pre-convention delegate caucus.

CAMDEN RESOLUTION

A Resolution was received from Camden County Medical Society requesting disapproval of State Board of Medical Examiners' rule, N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.1; which defines "major surgical procedures". Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that we refer this Resolution to our pre-convention caucus with the recommendation to our delegates that we do not favor this Resolution.

MIIENJ

Dr. A.E. Bythewood informed the Council that he recently sent the following letter to the Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange of New Jersey, "There have been many questions brought up regarding the difference between minor and major surgical procedures by many physicians in our area, and there seems to be some confusion as to our liability coverage regarding this.

Some of our members consider procedures minor surgery which MIIENJ classifies as a major surgery because of the anesthesia administered. Opening and draining Bartholin Abscesses and Ischio-Rectal Abscesses in many instances calls for general anesthesia. Both these should come under the category of minor surgery. For example, physicians have been doing Inguinal Hernio Plasties as a minor procedure under local anesthesia but MIIENJ classifies this, done under general anesthesia, as a major procedure. Physicians in category I and II do delivery and frequently have need to do Episiotomies and repairs. In these instances, general

anesthesia is given. Since we have formed our own Insurance Company, perhaps these procedures can be considered for reclassification.

This letter is both a request for clarification, and if possible, a request for our Trustees to look into possible change. We would request a clarification of major and minor surgery not based on the type of anesthesia used. "

The Council requested that we await a reply and discuss same at our next Council.

LEGISLATION

Dr. John R. Tobey, our representative to the MSNJ Council on Legislation, presented a detailed report on the activities of this State Society Committee.

Two bills for active opposition are Assemblyman LaFante's Bill which would create a separate board for licensure for Chiropractors and Senator Wallwork's bill on the CAT (computerized axial tomography) scanner. Dr. Tobey reported that the Senator Garramone's package of bills (S-1240, 1241, 1242, 1243 and 1244) on Tort Reform were due to come up for vote this week. Our State Society has gone all out to push for passage of these bills and their chances look good.

THE MAGUIRE BILL (A-2375)

Our Council and the State Committee on Legislation have previously reviewed the bill introduced by Assemblyman Maguire from Union County concerning Professional Liability. Mrs. Frank Galioto was present to request permission to write the legislators urging passage of this bill. Mrs. Galioto stated that she could do this as Chairperson of the Legislation Committee of our Woman's Auxiliary.

The Council felt that there were some excellent portions in the Maguire Bill, such as a strict two year Statute of Limitations, but there were objectionable portions of the bill, such as the requiring of proof of Professional Liability coverage for relicensure and the amount of power it granted with the Commissioner of Insurance. It was the feeling of the Council that we should act with unity and at this time support MSNJ in its attempt to adopt the Garramone Bills on Professional Liability. If these fail, we should work with Assemblyman Maguire and the three Essex sponsors of his bill to see if the Bill could be modified prior to our adopting a position of active support.

URBAN HEALTH STRATEGY

James A. Buford, Director Newark Department of Health & Welfare, requested a letter of endorsement from ECMS to attach to his federal grant application so that Newark will be eligible for the assignment of three National Health Service Corps physicians.

This request was read to the March ECMS Council, and an AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROPOSED URBAN HEALTH STRATEGY FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION was formed. Dr. John W. Alexander was appointed Chairman,

and one physician member was appointed from each of the four Newark service areas enumerated in the grant as medically underserved. These members are John W. Alexander, M.D., from central, - George L. Benz, M.D., -from the north ward, -Traudel E. Pannullo, M.D., -from the east ward, -and Asa H. Crews, M.D., from the south ward.

Dr. Alexander distributed by mail voluminous materials including copies of the proposed grant application so that his Committee members could study same prior to their April 4th meeting.

The Committee met on Monday evening, April 4, 1977 at the office of the Essex County Medical Society, and all physician members were present and they developed specific recommendations to be presented to our April 19, 1977 Council.

Following the Ad Hoc Committee's report and much discussion of the proposal, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Essex County Medical Society provide the requested letter of endorsement in principle to Newark's Federal Grant Application under the Urban Health Strategy Act for assignment of National Health Service Corps physicians only as follows:

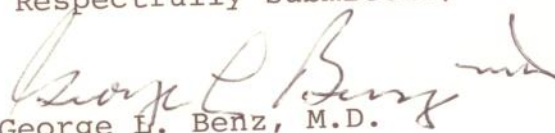
1. If such physicians are limited to work only in four existing Newark owned and operated clinics and health centers, namely:
 - (1) Gladys E. Dickinson Community Health Center
 - (2) Dayton Street Community Health Center
 - (3) North Newark Community Health Center
 - (4) Central Newark Community Health Center
2. If the National Health Service Corps physicians have no private office of their own outside of an existing Newark owned and operated clinic.
3. If the National Health Service Corps physicians handle only indigent patients, with no source of payment available, and if they serve no Medicaid or Medicare or COMPRE HEALTH patients.

HMO - IPA

A thorough discussion was held on Dr. Victor Trautmann's fine presentation on how an IPA should operate at our April 12, 1977 regular meeting. Dr. Trautmann felt that an IPA must have the support of 60% of the physicians in an area to have an effective bargaining position. Dr. Enio Calluori, President of ECHO, reported that Dr. Arthur Bernstein, Chairman of his legal contract committee, already held one meeting. Dr. Bernard Robins, Chairman of the Physician Reimbursement Fee Schedule Committee, has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 26th. It was moved, seconded and carried that we request Mr. Robert Detore to send the materials which he promised to supply us with when he appeared

at our February Council. These materials include the presentation
CHP is making to industry and unions as part of their marketing.

Respectfully submitted,


George E. Benz, M.D.
Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

BENJAMIN R. BLASI	1917—1977
MORTON M. BROTMAN	1893—1976
JOHN CONIARIS	1922—1977
ARTHUR D. DEVLIN	1909—1977
MILLARD B. ERVIN	1893—1977
FRANK S. FORTE—Past President ECMS	1898—1976
ALBERT S. HARDEN, JR.	1907—1976
SIDNEY KEATS	1913—1977
KWEI LEIN KUK	1946—1976
DAVID LEVINSON	1904—1977
WILLIAM JAMES MARQUIS	1896—1976
LEONOR MARTINEZ	1925—1976
FULTON MASSENGILL	1904—1977
JOHN J. McGUIRE—Past President ECMS	1909—1976
GEORGE H. C. McKEOWN	1908—1977
CAMILLE MERMOD	1900—1976
ALEXANDER E. NASH	1890—1977
SAMUEL ORLOFF	1894—1977
LILLIAN PONGER	1912—1976
THEODORE ROBIE	1900—1976
CHARLES WALLACK	1903—1976
KAYMOND E. WOLF	1905—1977

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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YES	NO	ACTIVE	COUNTY LICENSE	STATE REGISTRATION
		Atherley, Trevor H., Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, Univ. of West Indies, Jamaica, Rec. by Drs: F. Wachtel, D. Rothfeld	1976	1976
		Balamohan, Ramalingam, 141 Old Short Hills Rd., West Orange, Madras Med. Univ., India, Rec. by Drs: A. Islami, W. Weiss	1975	1975
		Chang, Patrick, 141 Old Short Hills Rd., West Orange, Univ. of N.S.W., Australia, Rec. by Drs: A. Islami, W. Weiss	1974	1974
		Katz, Jeffrey, 120 Millburn Ave., Millburn, Univ. of Bologna, Italy, Rec. by Drs: S. Fletcher, S. Schoen	1976	1976
		Kaul, Surendra, 2 Gymoty Road, West Caldwell, M.G.M., India, Rec. by Drs: P. Kaul, N. Haidri	1972	1972
		Maing, Sung Y., 287 Kerrigan Blvd., Newark, Catholic Med. Coll., Korea, Rec. by Drs: A. Islami, W. Weiss	1976	1976
		Pearlman, Theodore F., 193-9B Evergreen Rd., Edison, CMDNJ, Newark, Rec. by Drs: A. Mandelberg, L. Martin	1973	1973
		Schneider, George, 38 Heron Road, Livingston, Tufts Univ., Boston, Mass., Rec. by Drs: N. Ertel, M. Kirschner	1972	1972
		Shah, Kanta C., 330 Ratzer Road, Wayne, Univ. of Bombay, India, Rec. by Drs: R. Sullivan, S. Jain	1975	1976
		Stern, Michael H., 33 Young Ave., Hillside, Univ. of Guadalajara, Mexico, Rec. by Drs: M. Cohen, B. Lefkon	1975	1976

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Essex County Medical Society

Annual Meeting — May 12, 1977

OFFICERS: (1 Year)

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| President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. John Winslow |
| President-Elect | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Frank Y. Watson |
| First Vice-President | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert J. Lorello |
| Second Vice-President | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joel S. Cherashore |
| Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. George L. Benz |
| Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daniel N. Burbank |
| Reporter | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. John R. Tobey |

FOR COUNCILORS: (2 years) (Vote for 6)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Peter Amirata, Jr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Henry E. Harris | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Bernard Robins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alfred R. Dardis | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Geraldine S. Meanor | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Harvey J. Shwed |

FOR COUNCILOR: (1 year) (Vote for 1)

- Dr. William I. Weiss

FOR STATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1978: (Vote for one of each)

- Delegate: Dr. Edwin H. Albano Alternate: Dr. George L. Benz

FOR DELEGATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR ONE YEAR. (1977) (Vote for 5)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. H. Roger Hansen | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert E. Rich | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert J. Weierman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Henry E. Harris | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Herman M. Robinson | |

FOR ALTERNATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR ONE YEAR: (1977) (Vote for 13)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Matthew Brady | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alfred R. Dardis | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gerald J. Piserchia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Patrick N. Ciccone | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Neil B. Dello Russo | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. William J. Ranucci |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Arthur J. Clinton | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Steven F. Freifeld | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Arne Skilbred |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gilbert S. Melnick | |

FOR DELEGATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR THREE YEARS: (1978, 1979, 1980) (Vote for 30)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Arthur Bernstein | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ernest C. Hillman, Jr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Harvey E. Nussbaum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daniel N. Burbank | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gustav L. Ibranyi | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Traudel E. Pannullo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Reynold E. Burch | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Arthur S. Kern | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Philip A. Passalacqua |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Enio J. Calluori | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Satwant G. Keswani | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Herman M. Robinson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joel S. Cherashore | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Harry W. Kingslow | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joseph A. Santangelo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Irwin J. Friedfeld | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. George L. Kline, Sr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eugene R. Sims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. James E. D. Gardam | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Bertram Levinstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Seymour Taffet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Olga Haller | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Howard A. Lowell | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gerald R. Wachs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Henry E. Harris | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. John E. Masterson | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Carolyn W. Watson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Christine E. Haycock | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. James A. McANulty | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert J. Weierman |

FOR ALTERNATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR THREE YEARS: (1978, 1979, 1980) (Vote for 31)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. James H. Brothers III | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Murray Levin | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Sheldon S. Shoen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Patrick N. Ciccone | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Burton B. Levine | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Arne Skilbred |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Arthur Clinton | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Stanley Mayrowetz | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Martin L. Sorger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Edward N. Comando | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gilbert S. Melnick | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Murray Strober |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mario A. Criscito | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joseph J. O'Connor | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Charles P. Yablonsky |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alfred R. Dardis | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Calvin E. Oyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eleby R. Washington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Neil B. Dello Russo | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gerald J. Piserchia | |

The By-Laws provide, "further nominations may be made in writing by any three active members of the Society in good standing, if presented to the Secretary of the Society before April 30th."

Nominating Committee: Dr. James J. O'Grady, Chairman, Drs. William Greifinger, Anthony Parisi, Jr., Calvin C. Smith, and Robert J. Weierman.

Please Note: Each year we elect approximately one-third of our delegation to MSNJ.

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"THE AMA HAS RECEIVED A PAST POSTAGE BILL OF ABOUT \$1 MILLION FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AND IS CONDUCTING A TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE CLAIM. IN AUGUST 1975 THE AMA VOLUNTARILY AND FORMALLY INFORMED THE POSTAL SERVICE THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD NOT OBSERVED CORRECT PRACTICES IN REPORTING ON TWO FORMS USED IN MAILING PUBLICATIONS AT A SPECIAL SECOND CLASS RATE.

TOTAL CIRCULATION FIGURES OF AMA PUBLICATIONS WERE NOT IN QUESTION AND WERE NOT CHALLENGED BY THE POSTAL SERVICE. CIRCULATION FIGURES HAVE BEEN AUDITED BY BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS AUDIT SINCE SEPTEMBER 1972.

THE POSTAL RATE ERROR WAS INNOCENT. THERE WAS NO INTENT TO DECEIVE OR DEFRAUD. HAVING BROUGHT THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE POSTAL SERVICE, THE AMA SAID THE PRACTICES -- OF WHICH AMA TOP MANAGEMENT HAD NOT BEEN AWARE -- HAD BEEN CORRECTED.

BECAUSE THE CLAIM INVOLVES INTERPRETATION OF HIGHLY COMPLEX POSTAL REGULATIONS, THE AMA HAS ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED AN EXTENSION UNTIL MAY 9 TO COMPLETE ITS TECHNICAL REVIEW."

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING YOUR COMPONENT SOCIETIES OF THIS STATEMENT.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL ACTIONS

June 8, 1977

A reorganizational meeting of the Council was held at the Society office on Tuesday evening, June 7, 1977. Dr. John Winslow, President, called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. Those present were Drs: J. Winslow, F.Y. Watson, J.S. Cherashore, G.L. Benz, D.N. Burbank and J.R. Tobey, Officers; P. Amirata, Jr., A.R. Dardis, H.E. Harris, A.S. Kern, J.J. O'Grady, C.A. Pecora, H.J. Shwed and E.R. Sims, Councilors; A.E. Bythewood, E.J. Calluori and W. Greifinger, Past-Presidents.

NEW COUNCILORS

Dr. John Winslow opened his first meeting of the Council by introducing three newly elected Councilors: Drs. Alfred R. Dardis, Henry E. Harris and Harvey J. Shwed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Winslow announced the appointments of two Committees. The Nominating Committee will consist of B. Robins, M.D., Chairman and Drs: E.J. Calluori, W. Greifinger, H.E. Nussbaum and J.J. Thompson, Committee members. The Judicial Committee consists of D. Burbank, M.D., Chairman, J.S. Cherashore, M.D., Vice-Chairman and Drs: P. Amirata, Jr., A.E. Bythewood, E.J. Calluori, W.M. Chase, W.C. Conroy, H.T. Eisenman, G.L. Ibranyi, R.J. Lorello, E.H. Lowell, T.E. Pannullo, C.C. Smith, F.Y. Watson and J. Winslow.

COURSES FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Last February the Essex County Medical Society and the Essex County Association of Medical Assistants cosponsored a Telephone and Legal Workshop presented by AMA speakers. One hundred medical assistants attended this successful course. The Essex assistants have requested the follow-up AMA course on Collection Management. It was moved, seconded and carried that we sponsor this AMA course for Essex Medical Assistants in the same format as we did the previous course and try to obtain a Wednesday in February 1978 date.

CMDNJ - MEDICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

A letter was received from Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., M.D., President of CMDNJ, inviting us to hold one of our Regular Meetings of the Essex County Medical Society in the new Medical Science Building at their Newark school. The Council directed our President to thank Dr. Bergen for this offer and further directed that this matter be referred to our Program Committee.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

A letter was received from Edwin H. Albano, M.D., President of our State Board of Medical Examiners, seeking physician consultants to the Board. These consultants would be used to assist the Board in evaluating selective cases. It was noted that our State Society and all specialty societies had been contacted for these consultants and that this matter will be published so that all interested physicians may contact the State Board.

MIIENJ

Dr. A.E. Bythewood wrote to the Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange of New Jersey requesting a clarification of major and minor surgery not based on the type of anesthesia used.

A reply was received which stated, "The dividing line between insurance classifications of major and minor surgery doesn't always make sense from a strictly medical point of view. However, the insurance industry has routinely used local versus general anesthesia as the chief criteria. Since our initial rate filings require us to follow industry standards, we are at least temporarily precluded from going off on our own.

Certainly much study and input from our doctors should be reviewed before we decide just how we wish to proceed in this regard for the future. Your letter and others like it will be referred to our Underwriting Committee for further study. As soon as any changes are decided upon, the members will be advised."

JOINT MEETING WITH BAR

A letter was received from David R. Gross, Esq., suggesting a joint meeting of ECMS with the Essex County Bar Association on Tuesday evening, January 10, 1978. The Committee favored this idea and suggested that this matter be referred to our Program Committee.

ESSEX RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Winslow announced that the following actions were taken on Essex Resolutions at the MSNJ, May 14-17, 1977 Convention: Dr. Daniel Burbank's Resolution on Sludge Pollution was adopted and drew much attention from the press, radio and television.

Dr. Harvey Einhorn's Resolution on Blood Replacement was adopted as amended. Pertinent to this Resolution, Dr. Frank Watson pointed out the difference between our philosophy and that of the American Red Cross is the subject of a legal action in California. A suit filed by the California Consumer Advocate, on behalf of the State of California against the Urban Memorial Blood Bank of San Francisco, alleges that the Blood Replacement Fee is illegal, immoral and not in the interest of good blood banking. This is attacking a philosophy which the North Jersey Blood Center practices as a means of assuring adequate blood supplies for patients in north Jersey hospitals.

Our Resolution on National Catastrophic Health Insurance was rejected in favor of the American Medical Association's broader policy on National Health Insurance which includes a favorable position on Catastrophic Health Insurance.

Our Resolution to eliminate the \$200.00 assessment on new members was rejected in favor of revised Resolution #5 which states that all regular dues-paying members shall be expected to honor the professional liability assessment, except as otherwise determined by the Executive Committee when considering individual requests for exemption as provided in MSNJ's Bylaws. The mandatory assessment be discontinued for new members as of May 16, 1977 and The Medical Society of New Jersey continue billing those physicians who have not paid the \$200.00 assessment.

SECOND SURGICAL OPINION

On May 20, 1977, DHEW asked local PSRO's if they would care to bid on a Second Surgical Opinion program. The primary objective of the experiment shall be to test whether coverage of optional second/third opinions for elective surgery will produce net cost savings for the Medicare and Medicaid programs, without adversely affecting the quality of care provided beneficiaries.

Our Society is in receipt of a statement entitled, "Unnecessary Surgery" presented by James H. Sammons, M.D., of the AMA before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, United States House of Representatives on May 9, 1977.

MINORS AND ALCOHOLISM

We are in receipt of legislation adopted in North Dakota which allows for the treatment of any person of the age of 14 years or older for alcoholism or drug abuse without the consent of patient or guardian. Upon the advice of our Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee, the Council decided to file this matter.

D.R.G.

New Jersey Medicaid is developing a system, including computerized groupings of diagnosis, called Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) to reimburse hospitals in a new way. The system was developed at Yale University by Puter Associates. This would be a one lump payment for a hospital episode based on the cost for treating the diagnosis group. Approximately 20 hospitals throughout the State are participating in an experiment of this reimbursement system.

Physicians are concerned that the groupings do not consider complications or quality of care and they feel that perhaps PSRO could more appropriately perform these services.

Mr. John Reiss, a law student in Dr. Joanne Finley's office, is an advocate of DRG. Dr. Jamison of the New Jersey Hospital Association made a presentation on DRG to MSNJ opposing this concept.

HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT

Members of the Council pointed out that the Hospital Service Plan of New Jersey has been denying payment to the hospital on stays for appendicitis when the decision was made not to operate. Patients who have hematuria as a predominant symptom were admitted to the hospital for cystoscopy in order to determine the ediology of the bleeding. Many of of these stays have been denied.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that we advise our members that any cases of denial of hospital payment by a Third Party Carrier should be referred to our Third Party Review Committee for evaluation. These should be cases where the physician feels that proper treatment required admission and the hospital bill is denied.

The Council requested the President to ask our Third Party Review Committee to investigate with Blue Cross how such matters could be appropriately handled for the best interest of the patient when complaints are received by the medical society for refusal or inadequate payment of hospital bills.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Council had previously requested that we look into holding a course on office management for those members who desire this efficiency program. The AMA provides such a course which could be run locally for two days on a weekend. The program would cover:

PERSONNEL

- Recruiting and Hiring
- Training and Evaluation
- Job Descriptions
- Supervision and Communication
- Personnel Policies

BUSINESS PROCEDURES AND PAPERWORK

- Better Financial Controls
- Billing and Collection
- Filing

PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE

- Design and Construction
- Office Layout
- Ownership

EFFECTIVE PATIENT MANAGEMENT

- Appointment Scheduling
- Systematizing the Telephone
- Patient Information Booklets
- Task Analysis and Delegation
- Medical Records
- Patient History Questionnaires

This course could handle twenty physicians and provide individual attention for them at a registration fee of \$70.00 per enrollee. The program would also carry 11 hours of Category I AMA credit. It was moved, seconded, and carried that we work out dates with the AMA and provide such a course for our members who desire it.

PUBLIC OPINION RATINGS

The Gallup Organization, Inc. of Princeton, New Jersey, recently published a Public Opinion Rating of the professions. The Council decided to publish this in our next bulletin.

ECHO PROGRESS REPORT

Dr. Enio J. Calluori, President of the Essex County Health Organization, reported that the Committees of this IPA have been most active and working directly with our Consultant, Mr. David Putman of American Health Systems.

The legal Contracts Committee, chaired by Dr. Arthur Bernstein, has met with representatives of Crossroads Health Plan to review all suggested contracts. These Contracts were also reviewed with AHS and are currently with an attorney for redrafting according to our specifications.

Dr. Bernard Robins, Chairman of the Physicians' Reimbursement and Fee Committee, held a meeting on April 26th and decided to poll all of our ECHO membership to determine their usual and customary fees, rather than accept an outside schedule. These questionnaire returns are now being computerized for presentation to Dr. Robins' next Committee meeting, which will be held on Thursday evening, June 16, 1977.

Dr. John Winslow has been studying the tasks of his Peer Review and Quality Assurance Committee and reviewing these tasks with EPRO, since the PSRO is contracting to develop a system of both in-patient and out-patient review for our IPA.

Dr. Frank Y. Watson, Chairman of the Financial/Administrative Committee, has held a meeting to review the May 11th proposal submitted by Jeff Hoeberichts of Crossroads Health Plan on General Systems Design.

Dr. Calluori informed the Council that he has sent a letter to each member of ECHO that the ECHO Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, June 28, 1977, at the Carriage Trade in East Orange, at 8:30 P.M. The slate of the Nominating Committee was also sent out with this letter. The membership will have much to vote on at this meeting, as the Committees, including the Fee Committee, should have their reports ready for their approval.

AMBULATORY CARE PROGRAM

An announcement was received from the New Jersey Hospital Association about their June 17, 1977 Ambulatory Care Seminar which is cosponsored by The Medical Society of New Jersey. Those Councilors who could were asked to attend.

NEW REVIEW COMMITTEE

A letter was received from the New Jersey Society of Plastic Surgeons announcing their new fee review committee. The Council decided to refer this matter to our Third Party Review Committee for a report.

DNA

Dr. George L. Benz discussed DNA research and the possibility of a Newark ordinance concerning this. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Essex County Medical Society go along with any guidelines established by The Medical Society of New Jersey regarding DNA research.

OCTOBER DINNER

It was decided to hold a dinner meeting with our Woman's Auxiliary on Wednesday evening, October 5, 1977, at the Carriage Trade in East Orange, New Jersey. The Council decided to invite Mr. Peter Sweetland, President of the Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange of New Jersey, to address us on this occasion.

COMPRE-HEALTH

Dr. A.E. Bythewood reported that he attended the last meeting of Compre-Health and that they have signed a contract with Martland Medical Center and the North Jersey Health Center to provide care. The physicians' organization and IPA is now being bypassed by Compre-Health. Compre-Health is seeking to sign contracts directly with individual physicians in Newark.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Benz, M.D.
Secretary

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL ACTIONS

September 20, 1977

A meeting of the Council was held at the ECMS office on Tuesday evening, September 20, 1977. Dr. John Winslow, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Those present were Drs: John Winslow, Frank Y. Watson, Robert J. Lorello, Joel S. Cherashore, George L. Benz, Daniel N. Burbank and John R. Tobey, Officers; Drs: Peter Amirata, Alfred R. Dardis, Henry E. Harris, Arthur S. Kern, Geraldine S. Meanor, James J. O'Grady, Cono A. Pecora, Bernard Robins, Harvey Shwed and William Weiss, Councilors; Alton E. Bythewood, Enio J. Calluori, S. William Kalb and Charles I. Nadel, Past-Presidents.

EMERITUS

Requests for Emeritus Membership were received from Saul I. Firtel, M.D., of South Orange (formerly of Livingston), Louis Grunt, M.D., of Union, (formerly of East Orange), and Zelda Marks, M.D., of Maplewood. All are completely retired and have been members for over 20 years. It was moved, seconded and carried that their names be forwarded to the State Society to be placed on the Emeritus Membership List to be acted upon at the May 6-9, 1978 Annual Convention, at the Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson Regency Motor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. James J. Stovin and Dr. David H. Dreizen, Co-Chairmen of our Credentials Committee, reported that the Credentials of the following applicants have been inspected and approved:

ACTIVE BY TRANSFER

Jay A. Garsman, M.D., 120 Harrison Avenue, Montclair
Catherine F. Sladowski, M.D., 277 So. Harrison Street, East Orange

ACTIVE

Casey K. Lee, M.D., VA Hospital, East Orange
Robert A. Pastore, M.D., 62 So. Fullerton Avenue, Montclair
Shirish C. Patrawalla, M.D., 1383 Clinton Avenue, Irvington
Godfrey C. Pinder, M.D., 333 Park Street, Upper Montclair
Stanley N. Schatzman, M.D., 50 Newark Avenue, Belleville
Stephen J. Victor, M.D., 201 So. Livingston Avenue, Livingston
K.R. Wignarajan, M.D., Cumberland Green Apt., Millville
Bernard S. Wurzel, M.D., 59 Main Street, West Orange

It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be published in our Bulletin and take its usual course.

MIIENJ

Dr. Winslow announced that Peter Sweetland, President of MIIENJ, our captive professional liability carrier, would address our combined dinner meeting with the Woman's Auxiliary on Wednesday evening, October 5, 1977. He urged all Councilors to be present with their spouses.

Dr. Winslow announced that the Federal Insurance Company (Chubb & Son, Inc.) has filed a request with the Department of Insurance for an overall increase in professional liability premiums of 41.3%. This increase, if granted, would affect those doctors who have policies in effect through the Reinsurance Authority (1552), which expire on November 1, 1977.

The percentage of increase was not across the board since the proposed increase for orthopedists and cardio-vascular was 106% and for neuro-surgery was 140%. A local newspaper erroneously reported that if these increases were granted by the Commissioner of Insurance, our captive carrier would have similar increases. We have been informed by MIIENJ that there are no plans for massive increase of premiums when their current year expires on February 1, 1978.

Dr. Bythewood had written to MIIENJ requesting a reclassification of certain surgical procedures deemed "major" which he felt were more appropriately "minor." The matter of classifications is currently being studied by MIIENJ actuaries and their Underwriting Committee. Any change would have to be incorporated into an overall reappraisal. To implement any recommendations requires filing with the Insurance Department and public hearings. Nothing is contemplated before our renewal date of February 1, 1978, at the earliest.

FUTURE PHYSICIAN CLUB

Dr. S. William Kalb, Chairman of our Future Physicians' Club Program, discussed the career activities of his Committee in regard to high school programs, premedical programs, career studies and curriculum changes.

Dr. Kalb stated that he would like to run a large program for Future Physicians and their parents at the medical school and he requested an appropriation of up to \$500.00 to be utilized by the FPC to assist in the underwriting of this program. It was moved, seconded and carried that the ECMS allocate up to \$500.00 for this FPC project.

CMDNJ - MEDICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

A letter was received from Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., M.D., President of CMDNJ, inviting us to hold one of our Regular Meetings of the Essex County Medical Society in the new Medical Science Building at their Newark school. This matter was discussed and it was felt that we should cooperate with the medical school, and our President was requested to discuss with Dr. Bergen the possibility of a Spring Meeting in this beautiful new facility.

CMDNJ - YEARBOOK

A letter was received from Anna Koo and Karin Kalff, Business Managers, the Student Yearbook, requesting that we support this project of the Student Affairs office. It was moved, seconded and carried that we take a half page ad in this Journal at a cost of \$100.00.

SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM

A request for funding for a summer student program was received and the Council decided to file this matter.

SECOND SURGICAL OPINION

Group Health Insurance of New Jersey (GHI) has announced that they are extending a project similar to their New York Second Surgical Consultation Program to make such a benefit available to New Jersey subscribers.

The Panels of Consultants who participate in GHI's Program were established on recommendation of the Chiefs of Surgery at the major medical centers. The Program follows the principles of consultation as applied in private practice. Consultants have agreed not to perform the surgery if required, not to render any treatment, nor make referrals. They are paid directly by the Program on the basis of prevailing fees. Patients are referred to the Consultant's office for an opinion on elective surgery only. The primary surgeon's report is sent to the Consultant. The Consultant's report and the patient are referred back to the primary surgeon in all cases. The subscribers' use of this Program is entirely voluntary and their surgical benefits are in no way affected.

NEGOTIATIONS SEMINAR

OCTOBER 29,30,1977

An AMA Art of Negotiations Seminar is being held at the Sheraton Inn, Newark Airport. The program runs from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., on Saturday and 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday. A \$50.00 registration fee is requested in advance. It was moved, seconded and carried that the ECMS pay the registration fees for both our President and President-Elect.

BLOOD BANK CONTROVERSEY

Dr. Frank Y. Watson presented an overview of the controversey between the American Association of Blood Banks and the Red Cross Blood Bank Program. It has developed into an unprecedented law suit being filed by the California Department of Consumer Affairs against the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, an AABB affiliate. The suit follows Red Cross policy and is against the non-replacement fee. The Essex County Medical Society Resolution from Harvey P. Einhorn, M.D., was adopted by MSNJ at their May 1977 Annual Meeting and their similar stand was taken at their June AMA Convention. Basically MSNJ and the AMA have a pluralistic system which would allow local blood banks to decide what is the best procedure for their own area.

Dr. Einhorn, President, of the North Jersey Blood Center, plans to write a series of articles for our bulletin on this issue and the first one should appear in our October 1977 publication.

VERONA HEALTH FAIROctober 13, 14, and 15, 1977

A letter was received from Michael Festa, Ph.D., Health Officer of Verona requesting our participation in their Annual Health Fair to be held in Verona High School. We have participated in this Health Fair in previous years by staffing a booth which would provide scientific health information to the public. However, this year we are requested to supply physicians to do pap smears and breast examinations at the high school. We have, in the past participated in pap smear programs for the public at local hospitals and our Council felt that was a more appropriate setting than a high school auditorium. Dr. S. William Kalb was requested to contact Mr. Festa and explain that we think that arrangements for such public testing should be made with a local hospital.

AMA ARTICLES

A congratulatory letter was received from the AMA for the series of articles in our Bulletin entitled "You and the AMA. How the AMA Serves the Public".

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dr. Winslow suggested the replacement of our part time PR man who works on a fee for service basis. The Council requested that this matter be referred to our Public Relation Committee so that they could report to a subsequent meeting of our Council.

MSNJ COUNCIL ON MEDICAL SERVICES

Dr. Victor H. Boogdanian, Chairman of the MSNJ Council on Medical Services, informed us that Dr. Robert H. Areson has resigned as an appointed member of his State Society Committee. He requested that we suggest another member of the Essex County Medical Society to replace Dr. Areson. Our Council directed the Secretary to forward the name and biography of both Dr. John Winslow and Dr. Gustav L. Ibranyi as members willing to serve.

MRAC COMMITTEE

A meeting of our officers was held with Mr. Bernard H. Genest, Director Claims Administration MIIENJ to discuss the revamping of the Medical Review and Advisory Committee (Loss Control Program) for our own carrier. After lengthy discussion it was decided to form a committee to study this matter and make appropriate recommendations. Dr. Enio J. Calluori was appointed chairman of this committee. Drs: William Greifinger, Arthur S. Kern and Robert J. Lorello were appointed as committee members.

IPA MEETING

Dr. John Winslow announced that the regular meeting of the Essex County Medical Society to be held on Thursday evening, November 10, 1977 at 9:00 P.M. at the Carriage Trade, East Orange will be on the topic of "Shortly Operational -- Your HMO/IPA". Panel participants would be Daniel J. O'Regan, M.D., Medical Director N.J. Foundation, Enio J. Calluori, M.D., President ECHO, Bernard Robins, M.D., Chairman ECHO Physicians'

Reimbursement Committee, Mr. Robert Detore, Director Crossroads Health Plan and Mr. Jef Hoerberichts of CHP.

N.J. FOUNDATION

A discussion followed on an informational report from the New Jersey Foundation for Health Care Evaluation on the subject of HMO and IPA's in New Jersey. It was noted that many physicians in the Atlantic County area have put up \$500.00 to start an IPA which will be administrated by the Prudential. Dr. Enio Calluori gave a report on the activities of ECHO and its relationship to Crossroads. Dr. Calluori stated that an ad was published to obtain a Medical Director for ECHO. This ad will appear in the Bulletin of the Essex County Medical Society and in the New Jersey Family Physician which goes to 2,400 family doctors in New Jersey. It was noted that Essex County has an opportunity to name another representative to the New Jersey Foundation the Council directed that our officers make this appointment.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted


George L. Benz, M.D.
Secretary

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 5, 1977

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

YES NO

ACTIVE BY TRANSFER

STATE LICENSE

COUNTY REGISTRATION

Garsman, Jay A., 120 Harrison Ave., 1976
 Montclair, Univ. of Louisville,
 Kentucky, Rec. by Drs: M. Leon,
 C. Smith

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Sladowski, Catherine F., 277 So.
 Harrison St., East Orange, Coll.
 of Pennsylvania, Rec. by Drs:
 J.L.Breen, C. Gregori

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ACTIVE

Lee, Casey Kyuchung, VA Hospital,
 East Orange, Kyungpook National
 Med. Coll., Korea, Rec. by Drs:
 R. Malfitan, B. Martin

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Pastore, Robert A., 62 So. Full-
 erton Ave., Montclair, George-
 town Med. College, Wash., D.C.,
 Rec. by Drs: N. Cannarozzi, R. Zager

1967

1976

Patrawalla, Shirish C., 1383 Clinton
 Ave., Irvington, Seth G.S. Medical
 College, India, Rec. by Drs: E.
 Meisner, H. Bucholtz

1973

1976

Pinder, Godfrey C., 333 Park St.,
 Up. Montclair, Marquette Coll.,
 Wisconsin, Rec. by Drs: M. Lipsius,
 J. Berghuis

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Schatzman, Stanley N., 50 Newark Ave.,
 Belleville, Wayne State Univ., Mich.,
 Rec. by Drs: J. Israel, J. Stovin

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Victor, Stephen J., 201 S. Livingston
 Ave., Livingston, Duke Univ., N.C.,
 Rec. by Drs: J. Frankel, I. Dressner

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Wignarajan, K.R., Cumberland Green Apt.,
 Millville, Ceylon Med. School, Sri-
 Lanka, Rec. by Drs: E. Punjabi, M. Khan

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Wurzel, Bernard S., 59 Main St., W.
 Orange, Downstate Med. Center, N.Y.,
 Rec. by Drs: O. Baum, L. Baum

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ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL ACTIONS

October 18, 1977

A meeting of the Council was held at the Society office on Tuesday evening, October 18, 1977. Dr. John Winslow, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Those present were Drs: John Winslow, Frank Y. Watson, Robert Lorello, Joel S. Cherashore, George L. Benz and Daniel N. Burbank, Officers; Drs: Peter Amirata, Jr., Henry Harris, Geraldine Meanor and William Weiss, Councilors; and Drs: A.E. Bythewood and William Greifinger, Past-Presidents.

EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP

A request for Emeritus Membership was received from Coler Zimmerman, M.D., of West Orange (formerly of East Orange.) Dr. Zimmerman has completely retired and been a member for over 20 years. It was moved, seconded and carried that his name be forwarded to the State Society to be placed on the Emeritus Membership List to be acted upon at the May 6-9, 1978 Annual Convention, at the Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson Regency Motor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. James J. Stovin, and Dr. David H. Dreizen, Co-Chairmen of our Credentials Committee, reported that the Credentials of the following applicants have been inspected and approved:

ACTIVE:

Jonathan M. Alexander, M.D., 7 Alexander Lane, Short Hills
Francis E. Cangemi, M.D., 109 So. Munn Avenue, East Orange
Karen A. Filkens, M.D., 75 Rockaway Drive, Boonton
Bassam M. Haddad, M.D., 107 New Street, East Orange
Norman L. Luka, M.D., 144 So. Harrison Street, East Orange
Jaime Medina-Machicao, M.D., 580 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair
Mahmoud Mousavi, M.D., 50 Newark Avenue, Belleville
Richard A. Kaiser, M.D., 333 Park Street, Upper Montclair
Ranjit S. Rajpal, M.D., 130 New Road, Parsippany
Joseph F. Russo, M.D., 75 Rockaway Drive, Boonton
Kenneth Swire, M.D., 50 Park Place, Newark

It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be published in our Bulletin and take its usual course.

USES OF AMPHETAMINES

A letter was received from the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners concerning the medically recognized uses and potential abuse of amphetamines and/or its group of sympathomimetic amines. The Council directed that this letter be published in our Bulletin in its entirety for the information of our members.

D.O.'s ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following memorandum was received from The Medical Society of New Jersey regarding Osteopathic eligibility for membership:

"The New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons has expressed concern to the Board of Trustees over the possibility that component medical societies in actively soliciting membership among osteopathic physicians, may create an adverse impact on the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

The Medical Society of New Jersey currently accepts fully licensed osteopaths to its regular membership and shall continue to do so. At the same time, we have a fine working relationship with the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons which must be continued.

Your Board of Trustees, therefore, believes that MSNJ should accept all eligible osteopathic applicants, but requests that in the interest of harmony and fellowship, the component societies avoid active solicitation of osteopathic members."

3rd PARTY REVIEW - PLASTIC SURGERY

A letter was received from Dr. Jerome Gelb, Chairman of our ECMS 3rd Party Review Committee, in reply to the matter our Council referred to it concerning the recently established Review Committee of the New Jersey Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Dr. Gelb states, "It seems that this specialty society has established its own Committee to review bills of plastic surgeons which are submitted to it by insurance carriers. I have sent this material out to all of my Committee members to study. Our Committee met on September 27th and considered the matter. I have been directed to advise you that our Committee feels that we should still continue to review the cases of Essex County plastic surgeons in our multi-disciplined Committee. Our Committee can ascertain what is correct for any specialty because we have specialty representation on the Committee and we sometimes refer matters to our specialistts for report even though they are not actual members of our Committee. We suggest that the ECMS reply to Dr. John L. Krause, Secretary of the N.J. Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons that his newly established Committee to review the bills of plastic surgeons may be of great value in Counties where no third party review mechanism has been established. However, we feel that we have been handling the situation adequately in Essex County and that we can foresee no need to utilize the services of this Committee within our County area". The Council directed our President to reply to that State Specialty Society as requested

3rd PARTY REVIEW - HOSPITAL DENIAL

Another reply was received from Dr. Gelb to the matter referred to our 3rd Party Review Committee concerning denial of hospital reimbursement. Dr. Gelb stated, "This material was forwarded by mail to members of our Committee and our Committee met on September 27th to discuss same. I have been directed to inform you that our Committee felt that its current work load necessitated lengthy monthly meetings and that it appears to us that this would be very time consuming considering the

tremendous amount of bills which our Committee is currently reviewing. However, this was not the major reason the Committee does not wish to be involved in this matter. Our Committee discussed all aspects of this matter and we were unanimous in feeling that it is not within our province to get into the problem of Blue Cross denial of payment. We can see a local medical society becoming involved with the reimbursement of proper bills submitted to a carrier by a physician, but we do not see how we can logically get into the matter of whether or not hospital bills should be paid". Following discussion, the Council directed our President to write to MSNJ on the problem of blanket denial by a carrier which affects our patients.

NHI HEARING

On October 13, 1977, HEW conducted a public hearing at the Gateway Motor Inn in Newark. Dr. Frank Y. Watson presented a paper for the Essex County Medical Society and Dr. George L. Benz presented a statement in behalf of the New Jersey Foundation for Health Care Evaluation. It is anticipated that these papers, or excerpts thereof, will be published in coming issues of the Bulletin of the Essex County Medical Society. The public hearing took all day and Dr. Frank Watson sat through many hours of it and listened to some economic horror stories which proponents of the Kennedy-Corman Bill used to emphasize their point. Dr. Watson presented the position of the AMA which is that the present delivery system is a good one, and that any of its deficiencies are addressed in the AMA sponsored NHI Bills (#H.R. 1818 and S-218). He emphasized that the present system does not deny anyone care.

PSRO UPDATE

Dr. George L. Benz reported that full or partial review of the following local hospitals is being implemented by EPRO: Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, West Essex General Hospital, East Orange General Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Columbus Hospital, Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, Hospital Center at Orange, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, Irvington General Hospital, St. Michael's Medical Center and St. Barnabas Medical Center.

Dr. Benz stated that Dr. Bernard Robins, as Chairman of the Model Treatment Guidelines Sub-Committee of the EPRO Health Care Standards Committee, was developing criteria for the Crossroads Health Plan/Essex County Health Organization Ambulatory Care Program.

CHP/ECHO

The Board of Trustees of ECHO (IPA) met on Friday evening, October 14, 1977 to sign contracts to provide care for CHP (HMO) enrollees. ECHO has 339 members and is attempting to enroll many more physicians in Essex County.

ECHO has ads running for a joint ECHO-CHP Medical Director. Dr. John Winslow will appear on a half hour radio program which is the Metropolitan

Report of WNBC (66 on the AM dial.) The program will be on Sunday evening, October 23, 1977 at 10:30 P.M., and discusses plans of our local HMO/IPA.

PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

The Council discussed the possible licensure or registration of physicians' assistants in this state and the Rutgers Program on physicians' assistants which graduated 17 PA's in June 1977, all of whom found jobs in neighboring states. The consideration of what, if any, action to take in this matter was temporarily postponed pending receipt of further information.

JOINT MEETING WITH BAR

A letter was received from Richard J. Badolato, Esq., President of the Essex County Bar Association, stating that our joint dinner with the Bar has been set-up for Tuesday evening, January 10, 1978 at the Chanticleer in Millburn. Dr. Winslow asked the Council if they had any suggestions for a topic. Topics suggested by the Bar are:

- A) A legal--medical discussion of the Karen Ann Quinlan case.
- B) A joint discussion on lawyer--advertising and medical--advertising.

NOVEMBER 10, 1977 IPA MEETING

Dr. Winslow announced that the Essex County Medical Society Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, November 10, 1977 at 9 P.M., at the Carriage Trade. The topic will be, "Shortly Operational - Your HMO/IPA". The membership will shortly be advised of the full panel who will speak on this occasion.

FUTURE PHYSICIANS' CLUB

Dr. S. William Kalb submitted a two page report on a recent meeting of the Future Physicians' Club Committee. The Council decided that this report should be published and accepted for information.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION - DR. HARROLD A. MURRAY

Dr. Harrold A. Murray died on October 14, 1977 and the Council adopted the following Memorial Resolution:

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HARROLD A. MURRAY, M.D.

1893-1977

WHEREAS,

Dr. Harrold A. Murray was known by his colleagues and many friends as a medical and civic leader, and

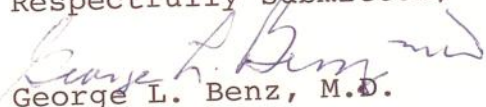
- WHEREAS, He served his profession and the Essex County Medical Society in a distinguished and exemplary manner and became President of our Society in 1947 and 1948, and
- WHEREAS, He was a medical leader at the State level and served as President of The Medical Society of New Jersey in 1952 and 1953, and
- WHEREAS, He was one of the founding fathers and an early president of the Essex County Service for the Chronically Ill, and
- WHEREAS, He was the first proponent for legislation regarding the battered child and served on the U.S. President's Youth Commission, and
- WHEREAS, He served as President of the Welfare Federation, Council of Social Agencies and was extremely active in both civic and charitable institutions, and
- WHEREAS, He was a renowned pediatrician beloved by his patients and peers, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Murray's service to medicine and to the people of Essex County will long be remembered, be it
- RESOLVED, The Essex County Medical Society spread this Resolution on minutes of this meeting, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this Resolution be published on a page of the Bulletin of the Essex County Medical Society, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to his bereaved family.

H.R. 6575

A mailgram was received from the AMA on H.R. 6575 that administration sponsored cost-containment legislation which is being opposed by the AMA. It was moved, seconded and carried that we send telegrams to local Congressmen requesting their opposition to this Bill.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


George L. Benz, M.D.
Secretary

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

NOVEMBER 10, 1977

YES NO ACTIVE

STATE LICENSE COUNTY REGISTRATION

		Alexander, Jonathan M., 7 Alexander Lane, Short Hills, Downstate Med. School, N.Y., Rec. by Drs: A. Berman K. DiStefano	1977	1977
		Cangemi, Francis E., 109 So. Munn Ave., East Orange, New York Med. College, N.Y., Rec. by Drs: D. Fiore, K. Kim	1976	1977
		Filkins, Karen A., 75 Rockaway Dr., Boonton, CMDNJ at Newark, N.J., Rec. by Drs: H. Kaminetzky, P. Pedowitz	1976	1976
		Haddad, Bassam M., 107 New Street, East Orange, Damascus Medical Coll., Syria, Rec. by Drs: R. Elias, L. Morrone	1976	1976
		Luka, Norman L., 144 So. Harrison St., East Orange, Univ. of Rochester, N.Y., Rec. by Drs: A. Sabety, F. Gerard	1977	1977
		Medina-Machicao, Jaime, 580 Upper Mountain Ave., Upper Montclair, Univ. of Buenos Aires, Argentina	1977	1977
		Mousavi, Mahmoud, 50 Newark Avenue, Belleville, Tabriz Med. College, Iran, Rec. by Drs: N. Gevirtz, F. Mahdi	1976	1977
		Kaiser, Richard A., 333 Park Street, Upper Montclair, Harvard Medical Coll., Massachusetts, Rec. by Drs: G. Saj, H. Wesson	1977	1977
		Rajpal, Ranjit S., 130 New Road, Parsippany, Government Medical Coll., India, Rec. by Drs: A. Sekhon, J. Mendola	1976	1976
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		Swire, Kenneth, 50 Park Place, Newark, University of Miami, Rec. by Drs: W. Flax, J. Siegel	1977	1977

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

NOVEMBER 10, 1977

YES	NO	ACTIVE	STATE LICENSE	COUNTY REGISTRATION
		Harris, Michael, 769 Northfield Ave., West Orange, State of N.Y., Univ., N.Y., F. Rothman, M. Markowitz	1973	1976
		Kimler, Stephen C., Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, State Univ., of N.Y., New York, Rec. by Drs: F. Watson, H. Gelmann	1971	1977
		Sharma, Sharda, 113 White Oak Rd., Short Hills, Univ. of Delhi, India, Rec. by Drs: S. Bongiovanni, D. Groff	1974	1974
		Lyn, Kyu B., Valley Road, Upper Montclair, Kyunpook Med. Coll., India, Rec. by Drs: Y. Park, Y. Bak	1976	1977
		Salerno, James G., 129 Ivy St., Kearny, N.J. Coll. of Med. & Dent., Newark, Rec. by Drs: A. Islami, W. Weiss	1976	1976

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL ACTIONS

November 15, 1977

A meeting of the Council was held at the Society office on Tuesday evening, November 15, 1977. Dr. John Winslow, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Those present were Drs: John Winslow, Frank Y. Watson, Joel Cherashore, Daniel N. Burbank, George L. Benz and John R. Tobey, Officers; Drs: Peter Amirata, Jr., Alfred R. Dardis, Arthur S. Kern, James J. O'Grady, Cono A. Pecora, Bernard Robins, Harvey J. Shwed and Eugene R. Sims, Councilors; and Drs: Alton E. Bythewood, Enio J. Calluori, William Greifinger and Charles I. Nadel, Past-Presidents.

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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. James J. Stovin and Dr. David H. Dreizen, Co-Chairmen of our Credentials Committee, reported that the Credentials of the following applicants have been inspected and approved:

ACTIVE:

Jeffrey Berdini, M.D., 59 Rhoda Avenue, Nutley
Subrahmanyam Devarakonda, M.D., 43 Brighton Avenue, Belleville
Charles Kronengold, M.D., 2 West Northfield Road, Livingston
James M. Orsini, M.D., 57 Mitchell Street, Belleville
Janak Sarkaria, M.D., 48 High Point Drive, Springfield
Viera Schweitzerova, M.D., 54 Sunderland Road, Tenafly
Norman H. Smith, M.D., 6 Highfield Road, Bloomfield
Andrew B. Weiss, M.D., 66 Slope Drive, Short Hills
Sudesh Jain, M.D., Kessler Institute, West Orange
It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be published in our Bulletin and take its usual course.

COMMITMENT CERTIFICATIONS

A memo was received from the Essex County Adjuster's Department advising that a certificate of commitment must be either printed by hand or typewritten. Prior to this the Adjuster's Department had been requiring that these certificates must be typed. The Committee directed that this information be published in our Bulletin.

GROUP AUTO & HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE DISCONTINUED

A letter was received from Mr. David Blanksteen of E & W. Blanksteen Company, advising us that the Nationwide Insurance Companies have ceased writing automobile, homeowners and commercial insurance in New Jersey.

The notice stated that, "when Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company informed the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of New Jersey on last Thursday of its decision to withdraw from the automobile, homeowners, and fire insurance business in this state, the company at the same time stated that its decision in no way affected any life, health, and group insurance policies in this state."

MIIENJ

A letter was received from the Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange of New Jersey, our Captive professional liability carrier, advising us that the Commissioner of Insurance has delayed action on the Chubb/Britton application for a rate increase until early next year. However, MIIENJ has decided not to increase their professional liability premium rate for the year starting February 1, 1978. This decision was made by the all physician Board of Trustees of MIIENJ. In contrast to this, the Chubb request for a rate increase is for an average 41½% premium increase.

Furthermore, the "consent to settle" provision has been deleted from the Chubb Insurance policy. This was the clause under which a doctor had the right to fight a claim even if the Company wanted to settle. This "consent to settle" removal takes all the decision making out of the doctor's hands and places his fate at the pleasure of the insurance company. MIIENJ has not requested that this very important element be removed from their insurance policy contract.

MSNJ CONVENTION

The Medical Society of New Jersey will hold its next Annual Convention from Saturday, May 6, 1978 to Tuesday, May 9, 1978. The convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn in Atlantic City, however, they will also use the facilities and rooms of the hotel next door, the Howard Johnson Regency Motor Hotel.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we hold the Essex County reception for all Essex members and their spouses on Saturday evening, May 6, 1978 from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., in the Ventnor Rooms A & B on the Ballroom Level of the Holiday Inn in Atlantic City. It was moved, seconded and carried that we allocate up to \$1500.00 for this Essex reception.

MEDICAID

Dr. Harvey J. Shwed, Chairman of the MSNJ Committee on Medicaid, presented a detailed report on their activities at the State level. These included meetings with Mr. Thomas M. Russo, Mr. Joseph Piazza and Mr. Alan G. Wheeler of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services; meetings with Commissioner Ann Klein; meetings with the New

Jersey Orthopedic Surgeons and the New Jersey Psychiatric Association.

A letter was received from Dr. James M. Monaghan protesting the use of a physician's personal Social Security Number as a Medicaid identification number.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that our President write to Dr. Shwed that we protest this use of the Physician's Social Security Number and that we suggest use of the medical license number instead. The doctor remembers this number and he can find the license number of other physicians in the MSNJ Medical Directory.

JOINT DINNER WITH BAR

JANUARY 10, 1978

Dr. John Winslow reported that he has set-up a joint dinner meeting with the Essex County Bar Association, Tuesday evening, January 10, 1978 at the Chanticleer in Millburn. The cost of the dinner ticket will be \$18.00 and Dr. Winslow will send a first-class letter to all members urging their attendance. James S. Todd, M.D., will be the Speaker and his Topic will be, "A Challenge to Professionalism."

PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

Dr. Daniel N. Burbank informed the Council that S-1354, a bill introduced by Senator McGahn to provide for the registration of physicians' assistants, was dead for this session of the New Jersey Legislature. However, Rutgers is producing approximately 25 PA's a year, and they are taking jobs in Pennsylvania and New York where licensing laws already permitted their use. He stated that we cannot ignore this because fourteen states now license PA's, and there is a possibility that legislation will be forced on us which permits multiple and off premises use of PA's not directly supervised by physicians. MSNJ is now, by instruction of their House of Delegates, against the use of PA's in this State and the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners has listened to Rutgers and asked them to prove a need for PA usage in New Jersey.

MSNJ NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Under the new By-Laws of MSNJ, the Nominating Committee will now meet earlier. A meeting of this Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 1978 at MSNJ Headquarters.

Dr. Edwin H. Albano, our ECMS Nominating Delegate, and Dr. George L. Benz, our Nominating Alternate, have been advised of this meeting.

PSRO EFFICACY

A recent report by the office of Planning, Evaluation and Legislation of HEW concluded that PSRO was too expensive and had not helped to reduce hospital use.

Dr. George L. Benz reported that the National Council, which is the Advisory body to PSRO, received the report and had serious questions about its content. Its findings were not typical and its evaluation

dealt mainly with the cost and not quality and was premature in evaluation of PSRO's, many of which have just recently begun to implement effective review. Dr. Benz stated that his full article on this will appear in the December issue of the Bulletin of the Essex County Medical Society.

MEDICAID PHARMACY CLAIMS

A memorandum was received from the Essex County Pharmaceutical Society advising us of the new State Regulation effective November 15, 1977 which requires an Individual Medicaid Practitioner (IMP) number on pharmacy claims. It was decided to publish this information in the December ECMS Bulletin.

ECHO UPDATE

Dr. Enio J. Calluori, President of the Essex County Health Organization, reported that the November 10, 1977 meeting on HMO/IPA was well attended and an animated discussion period followed the speeches, which indicated a growing member interest in participating in ECHO.

Dr. Calluori stated that he held a Board of Trustees meeting of ECHO following the November 10th meeting and they reviewed three applications for the position of Medical Director, following which Dr. Arthur Bernstein was unanimously elected to the position.

The Council agreed that we should assist ECHO in its membership recruitment drive. Following this, two points arose that required clarification with Crossroads Health Plan.

Councilors pointed out the name of their professional organization, the Essex County Medical Society, was being used on sales promotion material to the lay public by Crossroads. It was on the cover of sales material to industry, the letterhead and envelopes of Crossroads, and on office poster materials designed to stimulate public interest. They felt that our ECMS sponsorship of ECHO could rightly be utilized to interest physician participation, but our sponsorship of the Plan should not be used as a foot-in-the-door approach to the public since other health insurance plans did not use a professional organization's name in their sales approach.

Councilors further pointed out that, because ECHO is a separate corporation which will contract with Crossroads to provide medical care, it has separate administrative and legal expenses which should be recognized and have an appropriate budget. The Council felt that this budget should not come out of the 15% individual physician risk or in ECHO membership dues which might discourage ECHO membership at a time when expanded physician participation was needed. A third way of providing such a budget would be to add a small increment to the HMO policy premium for this.

The following two resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

It was moved, seconded and carried that we write to Crossroads that our endorsement should not be used in their promotional materials to the public and that the name of the Essex County Medical Society should be removed from all Crossroads material including public pamphlets, public displays and letterhead and envelopes which are sent to non-physicians.

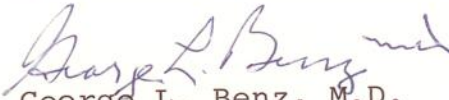
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Essex County Medical Society write to Crossroads that a definite amount be carved out of the HMO premium dollar to finance certain ECHO administrative expenses separate from the Medical Director's Office and that these monies come from the premium dollar rather than from the 15% individual physician risk factor or from ECHO members in order not to discourage physician membership vital to both CHP and ECHO.

COMPRE-HEALTH

Dr. Alton E. Bythewood reported that there was a renewed interest on the part of Compre-Health in the establishment of an IPA in Newark which would respond to the needs of their health plan. Compre-Health has hired Robert LeRoy, M.D., as their new Medical Director.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


George L. Benz, M.D.
Secretary

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

JANUARY 10, 1978

YES	NO	ACTIVE	STATE LICENSE	COUNTY REGISTRATION
		Berdini, Jeffrey, 59 Rhoda Ave., Nutley, CMDNJ at Newark, Rec. by Drs: J. Seebode, I. Goldfarb	1975	1976
		Devarakonda, S., 43 Brighton Ave., Belleville, Kurnool Med. College, India, Rec. by Drs: R. Vinnakota, R. Vinnakota	1977	1977
		Kronengold, Charles J., 2 West Northfield Rd., Livingston, Rec. by Drs: M. Gutkin, B. Merritt	1974	1977
		Orsini, James M., 57 Mitchell St., Belleville, Univ. of Bologna, Italy, Rec. by Drs: J. McA'Nulty, G. Lordi	1976	1976
		Sarkaria, Janak, 48 High Point Dr., Springfield, Gov. Medical College, India, Rec. by Drs: C. Ballinger, S. Bongiovanni	1974	1974
		Schweitzerova, Viera, 54 Sunder- land Road, Tenafly, Komensky Univ., Czechoslovakia, Rec. by Drs: E. Fram, M. Och	1976	1977
		Smith, Norman H., 6 Highfield Road, Bloomfield, CMDNJ at Newark, Rec. by Drs: J. Patti, D. Greenfield	1977	1977
		Weiss, Andrew B., 66 Slope Drive, Short Hills, N.Y. Downstate Med. College, New York, Rec. by Drs: B. Staggers, J. Lee	1976	1976

Sudesh S. Jain, Kessler
Kessler Institute
West Orange

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL ACTIONS

January 24, 1978

A meeting of the Council was held at the Society office on Tuesday evening, January 24, 1978. Dr. John Winslow, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. (This meeting of the Council was called because the January 17th meeting was cancelled because of icy weather conditions.) Those present were Drs: John Winslow, Frank Y. Watson, Robert J. Lorello, Joel S. Cherashore, Daniel N. Burbank, and John R. Tobey, Officers; Drs: Henry E. Harris, Cono A. Pecoro, Bernard Robins, Eugene R. Sims, and William I. Weiss, Councilors; and Dr. Alton E. Bythewood, Past President.

EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP

Requests for Emeritus Membership were received from Leonard Gilman, M.D., of Essex Fells, Edward G. Howe, M.D., of Newark, Henry L. Kaplan, M.D., of Irvington, George A. Maggio, M.D., of Hackettstown, and Louis Pilloni, M.D., of Mantoloking, (formerly of Bloomfield). All are completely retired and have been members for over 20 years. It was moved, seconded and carried that their names be forwarded to the State Society to be placed on the Emeritus Membership list to be acted upon at the May 6-9, 1978 Annual Convention, at the Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson Regency Motor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. James J. Stovin and Dr. David H. Dreizen, Co-Chairman of our Credentials Committee, reported that the Credentials of the following applicants have been inspected and approved:

ACTIVE BY TRANSFER:

Terry V. Carle, M.D., 240 Central Avenue, East Orange
David Miller, M.D., Western Electric, Gateway II, Newark

ACTIVE:

Oleh Bachynsky, M.D., 200 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge
Julius A. Gutman, M.D., 306 High Street, Newark
Ibrahim Housri, M.D., St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston
Jin-Jang Hsu, M.D., 37 Clover Lane, Bloomfield
Shamin Iqbal, M.D., Martland Medical Center, Newark
Carmen James Romano, M.D., St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark

It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be published in our Bulletin and take its usual course.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Bernard Robins, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that his Committee had met on Thursday evening, January 5, 1978 and that the Committee drafted the following slate:

SAMPLE BALLOT

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 11, 1978

OFFICERS: (1 year)

PRESIDENT	Dr. Frank Y. Watson
PRESIDENT-ELECT	Dr. Robert J. Lorello
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT	Dr. Joel S. Cherashore
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT	Dr. Bernard Robins
SECRETARY	Dr. George L. Benz
TREASURER	Dr. Daniel N. Burbank
REPORTER	Dr. John R. Tobey

FOR COUNCILORS: (2 years) (Vote for 6)

Dr. Donald P. Beirne	Dr. Cono A. Pecora
Dr. Arthur S. Kern	Dr. Eugene R. Sims
Dr. James J. O'Grady	Dr. William I. Weiss

FOR COUNCILOR: (1 year) (Vote for 1)

Dr. L. Arne Skilbred

FOR STATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1979: (Vote for one of each)

Delegate: Dr. Edwin H. Albano Alternate: Dr. George L. Benz

FOR DELEGATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR ONE YEAR: (1978) (Vote for 4)

Dr. Cono A. Pecora	Dr. Paul J. Rizzuto
Dr. Anthony C. Quartell	Dr. Harvey P. Yeager

FOR ALTERNATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR ONE YEAR: (1978) (Vote for 3)

Dr. Norman H. Ertel	Dr. Romeo A. Tiu
Dr. Ju-Cheng Lee	

FOR DELEGATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR THREE YEARS: (1979, 1980, 1981) (Vote for 23)

Dr. Edwin H. Albano	Dr. Joseph Israel
Dr. Peter Amirata, Jr.	Dr. Seymour F. Kuvin
Dr. Donald P. Beirne	Dr. Robert J. Lorello
Dr. George L. Benz	Dr. James J. O'Grady
Dr. Alton E. Bythewood	Dr. Cono A. Pecora
Dr. Anthony P. Caggiano, Jr.	Dr. Anthony C. Quartell
Dr. Harvey P. Einhorn	Dr. Paul J. Rizzuto

Dr. Norman H. Ertel
 Dr. Samuel N. Feinsod
 Dr. James F. Flanagan
 Dr. Frank P. Gradone
 Dr. William Greifinger

Dr. Bernard Robins
 Dr. John J. Thompson
 Dr. John R. Tobey
 Dr. Harvey P. Yeager

FOR ALTERNATES TO STATE SOCIETY FOR THREE YEARS: (1979,1980,1981) (Vote for 19)

Dr. David Abel
 Dr. Henry A. Brodtkin
 Dr. James M. Brown
 Dr. Ogden B. Carter, Jr.
 Dr. Norman R. Gevirtz
 Dr. Ju-Cheng Lee
 Dr. Kevin L. Leen
 Dr. Otto G. Matheke, Jr.
 Dr. Peter Nussbaum
 Dr. Nuflo M. Otazo

Dr. Bernard C. Reilly
 Dr. Robert E. Rich
 Dr. Philip Rispoli
 Dr. Lawrence Scheininger
 Dr. Stuart R. Silver
 Dr. Romeo A. Tiu
 Dr. Ronald L. Viscuso
 Dr. Robert J. Waldron
 Dr. W. Alan Wright

The By-Laws provide, "further nominations may be made in writing by any three active members of the Society in good standing, if presented to the Secretary of the Society before April 30th."

Nominating Committee: Dr. Bernard Robins, Chairman, Drs: Enio J. Calluori, William Greifinger, Harvey E. Nussbaum, John J. Thompson.

ESTABLISH FP DEPT. AT CMDNJ-NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL

The following Resolution for MSNJ was submitted by Dr. Daniel N. Burbank;

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The fact that there is a shortage of Family Physicians in the State of New Jersey has been well documented; and
- WHEREAS, The National Commission on the Cost of Medical Care recommends that, "There should be an increase in the proportion of family practice physicians because an increase could be expected to contribute to the moderation of rising health care costs in two ways:
- A. Through the substitution of physicians trained to the delivery of primary care for more specialized physicians who are likely to provide more expensive primary medical services, and
 - B. Through lower training costs for a given supply of physician manpower or, conversely, a larger supply for the same level of costs;" and
- WHEREAS, Family Practice provides not only primary care, but also the connective links between primary, secondary and tertiary care; and

- WHEREAS, The CMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School program on "Primary Care" is no substitute for the teaching of this continuity of patient care; and
- WHEREAS, The present medical educational structure at CMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School discourages interested students from selecting a career in Family Practice; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That The Medical Society of New Jersey petition the Board of Trustees of CMDNJ to establish a Department of Family Practice at New Jersey Medical School on an equal status with other major departments in the School; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That The Medical Society of New Jersey petition New Jersey Medical School to establish a curriculum which would provide adequate teaching of medical students by Family Practitioners during the second, third and fourth years of medical school.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Resolution be adopted and forwarded to The Medical Society of New Jersey for consideration at their May 6-9, 1978 Convention.

OPPOSE PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANT LICENSURE

The following Resolution for MSNJ was submitted by Dr. Charles I. Nadel:

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The training of physicians' assistants is an expense and one usually borne by the taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS, No one has established a real need for the use of physicians' assistants in this State; and
- WHEREAS, Physicians' assistants do not in any way replace the needed service of primary care physicians; and
- WHEREAS, The medical school should concentrate on providing sufficient primary care and Family Physicians for the public of New Jersey; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That The Medical Society of New Jersey continue to oppose the licensure of physicians' assistants.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Resolution be adopted and forwarded to The Medical Society of New Jersey for consideration at their May 6-9, 1978 Convention.

INFORM PUBLIC OF HARMFUL EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA

The following Resolution for MSNJ was submitted by Dr. Gustav L. Ibranyi:

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, Alcoholism is presently our most serious drug problem; and
- WHEREAS, Marijuana has the potential of becoming an even greater problem, since it is being used by an uninformed public, and
- WHEREAS, Scientific studies worldwide have shown that chronic marijuana use causes inhibition of cellular growth, reduction in sperm production, development of abnormal sperm cells, interference of the synthesis of important genetic material in the cell, interference with the immune systems, destruction of chromosomes, abnormal embryonic developments, and birth defects in experimental animals and, above all, brain damage; and
- WHEREAS, Its widespread use by our youth as a means of coping with daily stresses of life is a cause of concern;and
- WHEREAS, Many people are under the false impression that marijuana is no more harmful than tobacco or alcohol; and
- WHEREAS, Education is needed to inform the public that decriminalization is not legalization nor medical approval for its use as a drug; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, The Medical Society utilize all available media to inform the public that marijuana is not a harmless nor innocuous drug, and be it
- RESOLVED, The Medical Society of New Jersey advise the public that decriminalization is not legalization nor medical approval for its use as a drug.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Resolution be adopted and forwarded to The Medical Society of New Jersey for consideration at their May 6-9, 1978 Convention.

Dr. Winslow called for any other Resolutions and announced that MSNJ has a deadline of April 1st, 1978 for their receipt by county societies or individual Delegates.

NEGOTIATING TEAM

The Medical Society of New Jersey has informed us that they are forming a Negotiating Team and they have asked county societies for volunteers willing to serve on these teams throughout the State. It was moved, seconded and carried that we submit the names of Drs: Frank Y. Watson and John Winslow, both of whom have attended the AMA Course on the Art of Negotiations.

JOINT PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Medical Society of New Jersey requested the names of two physician representatives from Essex County to serve on their Joint Practice Committee to meet with the New Jersey State Nurses Association. Dr. Winslow appointed Gertrude B. Brundage, M.D., to be the Pediatrician and Alfred R. Dardis, M.D., to be the Family Physician.

AMSA

A letter was received from the American Medical Student Association requesting a contribution of \$30.00 toward travel and accommodation expenses for their local Delegates from CMDNJ- New Jersey Medical School to the American Medical Student Convention in Atlanta from March 1-5, 1978. It was moved, seconded and carried that we approve this \$30.00 donation to aid a student in going to his AMSA National Convention.

PRE-NATAL COUNSELING

A program on Pre-Natal Counseling was sent to us by the West Orange Department of Health and the matter was referred to Edward N. Comando, M.D., Chairman of our Maternal Health and Child Welfare Committee for review and report.

Dr. Comando reported that his Committee reviewed the program and recommends endorsement of same by our society. The program is designed to teach expectant mothers and fathers basic information on pregnancy through approved films and organized presentations which would help families prepare for the arrival of the newborn.

Following discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that we approve the report of our Committee and endorse the Pre-Natal Counseling.

NEW CROSSROADS TRUSTEE

A letter was received from Mr. Robert Detore of Crossroads Health Plan, stating that Dr. Arthur Bernstein has resigned from the Crossroads Board of Directors due to his appointment as ECHO Medical Director and requesting our appointment of a replacement on the Crossroads Board. It was moved, seconded and carried that the name of Dr. John Winslow be submitted for this position on the CHP Board.

NJ FOUNDATION

Dr. George L. Benz resigned his position as Delegate to the New Jersey Foundation for Health Care Evaluation representing the Essex County Medical Society due to multiple other State commitments.

He suggested that Dr. John Winslow should be his replacement because of his interest in IPA's as evidenced by his radio talks and Presidents messages. Dr. Winslow stated that he would like to serve. The Council directed that his name be submitted as our Delegate to the New Jersey Foundation.

MEDICAL-LEGAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Dr. Bernard Robins reported that his Committee met with a Committee of the Bar Association to both adjudicate disputes and revise the "Medical-Legal Cooperation Agreement Between Essex County Bar Association and Essex County Medical Society." It was approved in 1973.

The Council had some questions on some of the matters of revision and requested Dr. Robins to again meet with the attorneys to see if these matters might be resolved in a mutually amicable agreement. Dr. Robins stated that he would call his Committee together and again report to our Council.

MSNJ CANDIDATES

A letter was received from the Morris County Medical Society proposing Augustus L. Baker, Jr., M.D., as a candidate for the Office of 2nd Vice-President of MSNJ. Morris County also proposes William Pomerantz, M.D., for Nomination to the Standing Committee on Medical Education.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we reply to Morris County stating that our Delegates go uninstructed, but that the Curriculum Vitae's of their candidates will be forwarded to our Nominating Delegate.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that our Nominating Delegate be instructed to submit the name of Dr. Frank Y. Watson for the position of Alternate/Delegate to the AMA, should such an opening occur.

MULTIPLE PRESCRIPTIONS

A letter was received from Jacob Eisen, R.P., Science Editor of the New Jersey Journal of Pharmacy, enclosing a Resolution from the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association deploring the use of multiple prescriptions on one prescription blank because of the numerous difficulties in dispensing such medication. Pharmacists claim it is hazardous to the patient, creates additional administrative problems in conforming to Federal and State regulations, and they feel that this practice should be made illegal.

Our Council discussed the possibility of a patient writing in a second or third drug on a single drug prescription. The Council agreed with the New Jersey Pharmacists that this practice should be made illegal. Mr. Arthur Ellenberger was requested to convey our feeling on this matter to Jacob Eisen, R.P. It was then moved, seconded and carried that this file be forwarded to the Board of Trustees of The Medical Society of New Jersey for action at their level.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS PHYSICIANS

A letter was received from Mr. Kenneth E. Peterson, Executive Director of the North Jersey Community Union, stating that they desire to apply, through a Federal Grant, for National Health Service Corps

Physicians, Family physicians, pediatricians, Internists, Ob/Gyn specialists. The Council decided that we should formulate a Committee to review this application and advise us in this matter, as was done 1st year when the Newark Health Department was considering the filing of a similar grant. Dr. Winslow was requested to ask the members of last year's Committee, Chaired by Dr. John W. Alexander, whether or not they would again serve.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINICS

A copy of a letter to our local Planning (HSA) Board from the Warren County Medical Society was received. This letter cited Planned Parenthood activities with which their local physicians disagreed. A copy of another letter to this Planning Board from Planned Parenthood was received which answered Warren County's allegations. The Council directed that this matter be filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Essex County Medical Society March Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, March 7, 1978 at 8:30 P.M., at the Carriage Trade. Topic will be, "Hypertension Update."

MSNJ Annual Convention, Saturday, May 6, 1978 to Tuesday, May 9, 1978 held at the Holiday Inn and the Howard Johnson Regency Motor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

ESSEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL ACTIONS

February 21, 1978

A meeting of the Council was held at the Society office on Tuesday evening, February 21, 1978. Dr. John Winslow, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Those present were Drs: John Winslow, Frank Y. Watson, Joel S. Cherashore, George L. Benz, and John R. Tobey, Officers; Drs: Henry E. Harris, Arthur S. Kern, Geraldine S. Meanor, James J. O'Grady, Bernard Robins, Eugene R. Sims and William I. Weiss, Councilors; and Drs: Enio J. Calluori and Charles I. Nadel, Past-Presidents.

EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP

A request for Emeritus Membership was received from Warren I. Reinhardt, M.D., of Riviera Beach, Florida (formerly of East Orange). Dr. Reinhardt has been a member for over 20 years and is completely retired. It was moved, seconded and carried that his name be forwarded to the State Society to be placed on the Emeritus Membership List to be acted upon at the May 6-9, 1978 Annual Convention, at the Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson Regency Motor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

ECMS ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Essex County Medical Society will be held on Tuesday evening, May 2, 1978 in East Orange. The Council selected this date for our annual meeting in view of the fact that our State Society is holding their Annual Convention earlier this year, from May 6th through May 9th, 1978 in Atlantic City.

The Council requested the President to work out a pre-convention caucus of our Delegates on the same evening preferably following our annual meeting. The Council felt that instead of a dinner before our annual meeting, we could hold a collation after the meeting for those who attended and also our Delegates.

MSNJ CONVENTION

We have arranged for a cocktail reception for all Essex County members and their spouses who attended the Annual Convention of The Medical Society of New Jersey. This cocktail party will be held on Saturday evening, May 6, 1978 from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M., in the Ventnor A & B Rooms of the Holiday Inn in Atlantic City.

A Breakfast caucus for the Essex Delegates has been arranged at the Holiday Inn in Atlantic City for Tuesday morning, May 9, 1978. Mr. Ellenberger was directed to find out when the Reference Committee reports of the committees that met on Saturday, would be available and to arrange for an Essex Delegate Caucus sometime on Monday when these reports could be presented to our Delegates.

PROPOSED NEW RULE CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBING,
ADMINISTERING OR DISPENSING OF AMYGDALIN (LAETRILE)

Dr. Enio J. Calluori informed the Council that Assembly Bill 3295 was adopted and signed by the Governor and that the State Board of Medical Examiners was requested to set up guidelines for the use of Laetrile in New Jersey. These guidelines are currently in a "draft" form and require the approval of our State Department of Health.

A copy of these proposed guidelines reads, "a licensed physician may prescribe, administer or dispense amygdalin (laetrile) to a patient under his care as an adjunct to recognized, customary, or accepted modes of therapy in the treatment of any malignancy, disease, illness, or physical condition, if and when the physician has received a confirmed diagnosis of said malignancy, disease, illness or physical condition and the patient has signed the "written informed request" as set forth herein."

Part of the suggested informed consent request include the patient being informed that Laetrile has been banned by the FDA, that it is not recommended treatment by the American Cancer Society, the AMA and other medical organizations, and that there are alternative treatments for malignancy, etc.

Another portion of these proposed regulations prohibits solicitation, testimonials, guarantees or claims which could be misleading or deceptive concerning this drug. If and when such regulations are approved, we will obtain a copy of same and publish it in our Bulletin. Dr. Calluori further noted that, because of FDA regulations, no legal supply of Laetrile exists in this State at the present time.

REDUCE LIABILITY PREMIUMS FOR NEW SOLO PRACTITIONERS

The following Resolution for MSNJ was submitted by George L. Benz, M.D:

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The cost of establishing a new medical practice entails a large financial outlay; and
- WHEREAS, All physicians in MIENJ must pay the surcharge as well as the professional liability premiums; and
- WHEREAS, The captive carrier in the State of New Jersey has made provision to assist young physicians by offering a reduced premium in their first year of solo practice; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That The Medical Society of New Jersey petition the Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange of New Jersey to reduce by half the first year of professional liability premium on all new physicians starting their first solo practice.