

## Chapter 43

# Occupational Therapy

The new millennium certainly brought its own challenges to Occupational Therapy. As with other departments in the hospital Occupational Therapy would seem no exception in terms of increased activity and staff turnover.

### Staffing December 2000

Frances Weir, Acting Head OT and Old Age Psychiatry  
Aine O' Reilly, Senior j/s in Hands and Plastics  
Sarah Hayes, Basic Grade rotation medicine for the Elderly

Cuana Cunningham, Basic Grade rotation Rheumatology  
Carol O' Donnell, Basic Grade rotation Medicine for the Elderly

Odhran Allen, Locum Basic Grade Psychiatry

Maeve Crean, returned from one year's leave of absence covering Old Age Psychiatry

Helen Norris, Senior j/s is on leave of absence.

### New Staff

Louise Rogers, Senior OT in Medicine for the Elderly,  
Lynda Arnold and Eimear O' Brennan, Basic Grade Locums.

Ginny Hanrahan returned as Head of Department from the Project Office for six months and has now taken up a new position as Clinical Services Co-ordinator in Beaumont Hospital.

### Clinical Activity

- Number of patients treated in 2000 was 5,168 average 430 patients treated per month
- Number of treatment units in 2000 was 53,683 average 4,473 units per month (\*1 unit=15 minutes)
- Number of Home visits carried out was 346, averaging 28 per month.

At present Occupational Therapy provides a therapist to the following clinical areas: Adult Psychiatry, Old Age Psychiatry, Medicine for the Elderly, Rheumatology, Hands and plastics, Orthopaedics, Vascular Medicine, EMW, Stroke Rehabilitation and Neurology. All other areas at present are seen on a referral basis.



### Service Developments

As part of our on-going development and evaluation of the Occupational Therapy service to patients in the hospital a number of studies were carried out in 2000.

### Medicine for the Elderly

Currently researching Carer's Stress, Carer's Needs and Occupational Therapy Service Evaluation, the outcomes of this study will be available in early 2001.

### Adult Psychiatry

An audit of Anxiety Management Programme was carried out. Results from ten randomly selected subjects who had completed the Anxiety Management programme demonstrated a significant reduction in their anxiety levels.

### Hands and Plastics

We are currently researching the impact of hand trauma on an individual's lifestyle including personal care, productivity and leisure. The results of this study are currently being analysed. We have also increased the staffing in Hands and Plastics from 1/2 to 3/4 post.

### Aids and Appliances

An audit of all wheelchairs in the hospital was carried out in conjunction with Pauline Dempsey, Health and Safety Co-ordinator in October and, where necessary, wheelchairs have been repaired or replaced. A wheelchair maintenance contract was also established as a result of this audit.

### Training and Education

Once again the OT Department has managed to carry out rotations throughout the hospital despite the high staff turnover in order to allow each of the basic grade therapists an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skill base. The department has also taken a number of Occupational Therapy students from Trinity College Dublin as part of their mandatory supervised clinical hours.

Sarah Hayes commenced the Certificate in Health Services Management in October 2000 run by the IPA.

Eilin de Paor commenced a two year course run by Impetus on Seating and Assessment.

### Presentations

Frances Weir presented to the National Pain Support Meeting on Lifestyle and Chronic Pain during the Summer. Frances also presented at the National Conference of the Association of Occupational Therapists in Ireland on Quality of Life in Institutionalised Care with a Focus on Dementia in April.

In conjunction with Dr. Aileen Lewis, Frances Weir ran a workshop for the East Coast Area Public Health Nurses on Well-being and Dementia.

Aine O'Reilly carried out a training session for Occupational Therapists on Dynamic splinting in St. Joseph's Hospital, Harold's Cross.

Eilin de Paor and Helen Norris presented an Audit on Documentation and FOI at the National Conference of AOTI.

Sarah Hayes contributed an article on footwear to the HealthWise magazine in November.

Lisa McAuliffe had an article on her experience as an Occupational Therapy Assistant published in the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland's monthly journal.

### Courses and Conferences

Aine O'Reilly attended a two day course on the Management of Burns run by the Irish Association of Hand Therapists.

Frances Weir attended the Annual National Conference on Dementia organised by the National Council on Ageing and Older People in December.

Frances Weir and Carol O' Donnell attended the first annual conference of Occupational Therapists working in Dementia in the UK at the University of Derby in September.

Carol O' Donnell also attended the Irish Gerontological Meeting.

Sarah Hayes attended the Rheumatology Conference in UCC in March as well as AOTI National Conference.

Odhran Allen attended a course on Solution Focused Brief Therapy in Clinical Practice in October.

Valle Portacelli attended the annual study day for OT Assistants, Valle also attended the National Study day on Multiple Sclerosis in the Royal Hospital Donnybrook.

The department continues its strong commitment to the development of the profession with the following members having key roles in the Association of Occupational Therapists in Ireland:

- Ginny Hanrahan remained on as president of AOTI;
- Frances Weir continues her role on the Education committee of AOTI;
- Eilin de Paor was out-going editor of the journal Committee of AOTI;
- Sarah Hayes is secretary of AOTI Conference Committee.

### Future Plans

At present we are reviewing the current OT service in the hospital with a view to monitoring and evaluating rather than expanding our current service, specifically looking at patient satisfaction and therapy outcomes. We would also hope that the Day Hospital in Old Age Psychiatry would come on stream in 2001. We will also be working on strengthening our links with our colleagues in the community with a view to establishing an early discharge OT service, and with preparations for the amalgamation of the psychiatry services between Vergemont Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospital.

The major challenge and concern of the Personnel Department in the year 2000 was the growing shortages of staff in many areas of the Hospital.

While the shortage of nurses was given a lot of publicity at national level and led to curtailment of services locally, particularly in specialised areas, there were also very significant problems in the Catering Department and the Medical Records Department. As a result we have had to look further afield for all types of staff and this is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

Throughout the year over 200 competitions were organised to fill various vacancies and approximately one third of these vacancies were in nursing areas. In addition the efforts to recruit staff nurses, clerical officers, ward attendants and catering assistants was continuous and very time consuming due to the

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# Pharmacy Department

The first year of the new millennium was a challenge for the Pharmacy service. Early in the year there was increased pressure on beds in the hospital due to influenza and respiratory illnesses. The subsequent changes in some wards to Accident and Emergency status and the increase in medication requirements put pressure on this service. Throughout the year activity was high in specialties where patients require complex polydrug therapy such as liver transplantation, Cystic Fibrosis and Oncology / Haematology. Once again the department relied on its loyal and committed staff to deliver a service in such challenging times.

### Service Developments/Activities

There were difficulties during the year with staff retention and recruitment, particularly with pharmaceutical technicians. Drug procurement was problematic for a variety of reasons such as manufacturers' production problems, changes in suppliers, products discontinued etc. Pharmacy staff are spending an increasing amount of time trying to maintain supplies of drugs so that patients receive optimal drug therapy. The range of "unlicensed drugs" has increased bringing with it additional problems with procurement and record-keeping.

Activity figures continued to rise. There was a 25% increase in the number of drug information queries. There was also an increase of 8% in the number of preparations produced by the aseptic compounding unit.

Despite demands on the service and staffing difficulties the department focused on quality issues in relation to medication usage. To this end, Pharmacy staff compiled and circulated a series of monographs on intravenous drug administration entitled *Guidelines for the Intravenous Administration of Drugs* to all treatment areas in the hospital. The drug distribution service to St Camillus' Ward was reviewed taking into account the particular needs of the patients and staff. As a result a combination of medication top-up and individual patient drug dispensing was started and is operating successfully. Medication incident reports (MIRs) were analysed during the year. A report on the results of the analysis will be available in 2001.



During the year the department facilitated a number of educational programmes such as work experience and visits for pharmacy undergraduates and transition year students. The department was involved in compounding and dispensing for ten clinical research trials.

### Achievements

Fionnuala Kennedy was awarded an MA (Hons) in Health Management. Emmajane Smyth was successful in her forensic examination and graduated in November. Ashling Clancy completed her first year M.Sc. in Hospital Pharmacy, TCD.

### Poster Presentations

*The Introduction of an Improved Home Intravenous Antibiotic Service for Adult Cystic Fibrosis Patients*, HPAI Annual Clinical Conference, Dublin, April 2000. C. Keane.

*Intravenous Versus Oral Ganciclovir in the Prevention of Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Infection in Liver Transplant Recipients*, HPAI Annual Clinical Conference, Dublin, April 2000, F. Kennedy.

*3, 4-Diaminopyridine in the Treatment of Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome*, HPAI Annual Clinical Conference, Dublin, April 2000. M. Henry.

*Immediate Feedbacks: Does it Influence Prescribing?*, Federation of Infection Society Meeting, Manchester, November 2000, F. Fitzpatrick, C. Kingston, L.E. Fenelon.

*Discharge Prescriptions - Getting it Right First Time*, SVUH Nursing Seminar on Discharge Guidelines, F. Kennedy.

Other posters which were put together by the Pharmacy and then circulated to wards during the year were *Drug Hazards and Pregnancy, Reconstitution and Administration of Antibiotics and Discharge Prescriptions*.

### Conferences

Liver Pharmacists Group Meeting (UK and Ireland), Dublin, January 2000, F. Kennedy.

Clinicians in Management, Dublin, January 2000, J. O'Shea.

EAHP Clinical Conference, Madrid, March 2000, A. Clancy, F. Kennedy.

HPAI Clinical Conference, Dublin, April 2000, J. O'Shea, F. Kennedy, M. O'Reilly, C. Keane, C. Kingston.

Extending the Role of Hospital Pharmacy Technicians, Derby, UK, May 2000. C. Bogue, R. Dunne.

North American CF Conference, Baltimore, USA, September 2000. C. Keane.

All Ireland Directions Meeting (CF Care), Dublin, September 2000. C. Keane.

Medication Errors Seminar, Dublin, September 2000, J. O'Shea, F. Kennedy.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Annual Meeting, Dublin, October 2000. C. Kingston.

ASHP Mid-year Clinical Conference, Las Vegas, USA, December 2000, J. O'Shea, C. Kingston.

### Lectures and Workshops

*I.V. Drug Administration and Drugs and Enteral Feeding* - lectures to SVUH nursing staff throughout the year, F. Kennedy, M. O'Reilly.

*IV Drug Administration* - lectures to nursing staff in St. Luke's Hospital, F. Kennedy.

Presentation at SVUH Intern Orientation Seminar - June, 2000, F. Kennedy.

*Drug Treatment of Neutropenic Sepsis* - lecture to M. Sc. (Hospital Pharmacy) students, F. Kennedy.  
Nursing Seminar on Discharge Guidelines - pharmacy input on discharge medication by F. Kennedy,

*Aseptic Technique and Prescription Writing* - a series of presentations to medical undergraduates, F. Kennedy, D. Mulligan, C. Bogue.

### Future Plans

The coming year will be dominated by planning for the new pharmacy. The contractors are expected on site to commence work on the new project in April 2001. Relocation to the new department should take place in early 2002. This is a welcome, long-awaited development which all the staff look forward to. There are also plans to upgrade the IT software in the Pharmacy and thereby avail of barcode technology to improve efficiencies in drug distribution. Additional resources will be allocated to develop the drug information service, the aseptic compounding service and the clinical service to Oncology/Haematology specialties.

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# Physiotherapy Department

The death on February 17, 2000 of Anne O'Brien our esteemed colleague and friend after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity was keenly felt by the Physiotherapy Staff. In her role as Senior Physiotherapist in Respiratory Care and as President of the Irish Society of Physiotherapists, Anne was known and respected both at a National and International level. May she rest in peace.

### Service Development

The high staff turnover over the past year, induced by a national shortage of physiotherapists, has had a significant impact on the organisation and management of the Physiotherapy service.

Prompted by this, several training and personal development initiatives were undertaken with the specific objective of advancing clinical skills, improving efficiency and aiding recruitment and retention.

These consisted of

- (1) Personal Development Programme
- (2) Post Graduate Training Programme
- (3) Master Classes
- (4) ICU Core Competency Programme

### Personal Development Programme

As a further adjunct/development of the staff appraisal programme a personal development programme is currently being developed based on the concept of self-directed learning. To facilitate experiential learning a Professional Diary is on line for introduction in February 2001.

### In House Post Graduate Courses

Prompted by the success of the first In House Postgraduate Programme on Musculoskeletal Care, 1999, a similar programme on Respiratory Care was run from March 14 - May 22, 2000. The course content included 20 hours of lectures, a project, a presentation and an assessment. The course director, Marjan Jensma was assisted by Deirdre Concannon and Joanne Barry, Senior Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care, St. Vincent's University Hospital and Ms. A. O'Grady, Senior Physiotherapist, St. James's Hospital. Certificates were



presented to the participants by Mr. N. Jermyn, CEO, at a presentation ceremony held in the Education and Research Centre on May 26, 2000.

### Master Classes

The introduction of Master Classes for Senior Physiotherapists in Musculoskeletal care, based on peer review, was successfully implemented in 2000. The development of a Master Class for Senior Physiotherapists, Stroke Rehabilitation and Elderly Medicine, in collaboration with the Royal Hospital Donnybrook, commenced in late 2000. The aim of this is to promote quality care through clinical review by incorporating evidence based practice as standard.

### ICU Core Competencies Programme

The purpose of the ICU Core Competencies Programme is to facilitate new graduates in acquiring a basic standard of competency in ICU skills. Eight core competencies were identified as essential for physiotherapists taking part in the on-call emergency rota. The levels of competency are assessed by Senior Respiratory Physiotherapists.

## Service Development

### Physiotherapy Musculoskeletal Service

The Physiotherapy Musculoskeletal service encompasses Orthopaedics, Rheumatology, Accident & Emergency and Chronic Pain Management. New developments include a Rheumatology Specific G.P. A Direct Access scheme and a Musculoskeletal Specific GP Direct Access scheme are scheduled to commence on February 5 and March 5, 2001 respectively. Audit shows that 25% of patients referred to the Rheumatology OPD Clinics require physiotherapy. A similar scheme for patients with lower back pain is scheduled to commence early in 2001. These schemes aim to provide an efficient and effective service for these patient groups and reduce demand on the OPD Rheumatology and Orthopaedic Clinics. Audits to measure effectiveness are incorporated.

### Physiotherapy Respiratory Service

The Physiotherapy Respiratory Service encompasses Medical and Surgical Respiratory Care, Liver Transplant and Cardiology including Cardiac Rehabilitation. The awareness of the benefits of early intervention with Non-invasive Ventilatory (NIV) support has led to an increase in the number of patients with severe lung disease who would previously have needed admission to ICU being managed at ward level. Patients with Cystic Fibrosis were successfully managed with NIV pre lung transplant while others on the waiting list depend on NIV to maintain oxygen levels especially during sleep. An increasing number of patients with Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease are enjoying improved mobility and an improved quality of life at home due to NIV support.

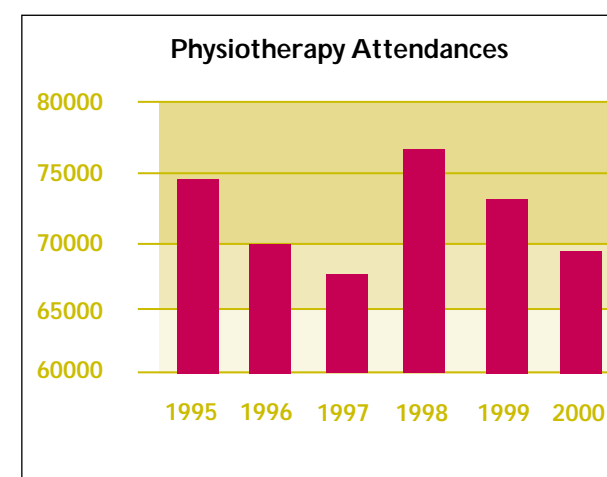
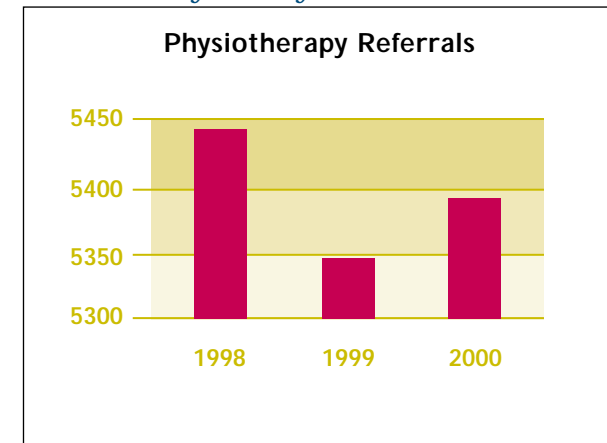
The departure of Marjan Jensma, Senior Physiotherapist in CF to take up a senior position in Vancouver General Hospital left a gap which remains unfilled despite recruiting nationally, in the UK and in America. The CF Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programme (pre and post transplant), which commenced under Marjan Jensma had to be suspended due to lack of experienced physiotherapy staff.

### Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Service

The Physiotherapy Rehabilitation service includes Elderly Medicine Rehabilitation, Day Hospital, Medical and Surgical Rehabilitation, Neurology and Stroke Rehabilitation. Stroke Rehabilitation shows a 9.92% (209 to 232) increase in referrals, whilst neurological outpatient referrals show a 14.62% (111 to 130) increase.

The relocation of the MRSA Rehabilitation Gym to the new St. Monica's Ward is now working effectively, however, the number of patients requiring rehabilitation continues to grow in line with the increase in the number of MRSA dedicated beds.

## Activity Analysis



## Future Plans

Future plans include the upgrading of a number of staff physiotherapy posts to senior posts and the appointment of senior physiotherapists to clinical specialties as referred to earlier in the report. The semesterisation of the UCD undergraduate programme is scheduled to commence May 2001 with the appointment of a clinical educator and two part time clinical tutors. The refurbishment of the Rehabilitation Gym is on schedule for March 2001.

## Achievements

- Ms. M. D'Arcy MSc (Physio) University East Anglia
- Ms. T. Flynn MSc (Physio) UCD
- Ms. S. Barry 3rd year PhD, SVUH & UCD.
- Ms. N. Shiels 2nd year PhD, TCD. Joint winner of the Coyle Hamilton Research Bursary, October '00
- Ms. D. Concannon, Invited Facilitator/Chairperson, North American C.F. Conference and Lecturer, Advanced Respiratory Care Course, Dublin.

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# Portering Service Department

- Ms. J. Barry, Secretary, Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Ms. M. Jensma, Lecturer, Advanced Respiratory Care Course.
- Ms. P. Leahy, Chairperson, Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists (ISCP) in Education.
- Ms. P. Leahy, Chairperson, ISCP Overseas Applications Committee
- Ms. P. Leahy, Chairperson, Health Promotion Committee, SVUH
- Ms. P. Leahy, Member of ISCP Council, member of ISCP Registration Committee and member of the Undergraduate Accreditation Committee.
- Ms. J. Scopes, Member of the DATH Group on the Standardisation of Physiotherapy Documentation in conjunction with the Irish Society for Quality in Healthcare



### Presentations

#### Oral Presentations

Barry J., Maurer B., Hussey J., Gormley J., *A comparison of exercise adherence in-patients following myocardial infarction and patients following coronary artery bypass graft*, Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation Annual Conference, October 2000.

Flynn T., *Ergonomic Assessment*, Irish Society of Physiotherapists Annual Conference, October 2000.

*The effects of High Intensity Strength Training on Exercise capacity and quality of life in adults with Cystic Fibrosis*, Barry S., Dodd J., Jensma M., Gallagher C., SVUH Annual Biomedical Research Symposium 2000.

#### Poster Presentations

Connolly A., Higgins A., Dockrell S., Flynn T., *A comparison of slides used in Patient Handling*, National Health Promoting Hospitals Annual Conference, Limerick. 2000.

Barry J., Maurer B., Hickey J., Gormley J., *A Comparison of exercise adherence in patients following myocardial infarction*, Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland, Biomedical Sciences, Winter Meeting 2000.

### Publications

Barry J., *A comparison of Exercise Adherence in patients following Myocardial Infarction and Patients following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft*, Physiotherapy Ireland, Vol. 21. No.2. Dec 2000.

The department provides support services to 23 areas in the Hospital. Portering is also responsible for the co-ordination of the post and transport services.

Demands on the service increased during 2000 due in particular to the commencement of the Hospital re-development programme. The department looks forward to continuing to support the project team during 2001.

The management of the service was greatly enhanced with the introduction of a supervisory structure during 2000. This structure creates five new Supervisor posts together with a new Deputy Head post. In addition to the resultant improvement in the day-to-day running of the service, this development provides much welcomed career progression opportunities within the department. The co-operation received from all members of the department with the implementation of these new structures is appreciated.

Safety and training continued to be a priority during 2000. All new staff completed training in Moving and Handling. Those involved in patient transport attended specialist Defensive Driver Training sessions. The department continues to facilitate staff participation in the Hospital's Mission Effectiveness Programme.

Finally, Mr. Eddie Cleary, our long-serving night hall-door porter retired in December. Eddie was both liked and respected by his colleagues in the Hospital and we wish him well in his retirement.



## Chapter 49

# Security and Telephone Services

## Security Services

The Security function assists the Hospital in providing a safe and secure environment for patients, relatives, visitors and staff.

Last year was a busy one for the department, particularly with the commencement of the Hospital re-development programme. The onset of construction activity on the Hospital site presented new challenges, especially in the management of on-site Car Parking. The efforts of all members of the Security team in dealing with these new challenges is greatly appreciated.

The Hospital continued to invest in new Security technology to assist in the management of the site. This commitment will continue during 2001, particularly with the creation of a new security monitoring facility within the main building.

The incidence of challenging behaviour within the Hospital environment increased during 2000. The launch of the Hospital policy on Violence at Work assisted in promoting awareness of the resources available to minimise the impact of such behaviour. The Security department will continue to play a key role in this regard.

## Telephone Services

The Hospital switchboard represents the first point of contact with many of our clients. The quality of our telephony service is an important reflection of the organisation as a whole, and our priority for 2000 was to improve service levels by reducing caller queue lengths.

The appointment of a dedicated Telephone Services Supervisor, Bernie Deignan, in November was an important part of this strategy. This, together with the efforts of our team of 10 full and part time telephonists began to bring rewards towards the end of the year. We look forward to continuing staff commitment to customer service during 2001.



Our efforts to eliminate theft within the Hospital environment saw us developing closer links with the Gardai and, in particular, the Crime Prevention Service. This strategy will continue during 2001. We will continue, as a matter of policy, to involve the Gardai in every instance where any crime is alleged or suspected.



During late 2000 plans were finalised for the computerisation of the switchboard service and the relocation of our telephone room work area. We look forward to these plans coming to fruition during 2001.

## Chapter 50

# Purchasing & Procurement / Sterile Supplies Department (CSSD)

## Purchasing & Procurement

### Development & Activity

Activity overall in the department increased in 2000. The total number of orders raised was 46,785 with a total value of £18,759,277. This included both stock and non-stock purchases and also capital equipment.

### Stock Management & Purchasing

Requisition books were pre-printed for all departments for stock requests. High Cost areas were investigated and non-stock requisition books printed for same.

The Purchasing Department assisted the Hospital Procurement Services Group with joint hospital contracts. Stock Management carried out all evaluations. This was of great benefit in changing some products that had not been tendered for some time, which resulted in considerable savings.

We also discussed with our top ten suppliers to put a rebate system in place for year-end 2000. Some companies co-operated very well in this scheme. This helped to forecast price increases if any and also to have the price fixed for a year or more in some areas.

### Equipment

The Department of Health & Children provided a capital grant of £780,000 including £1million for the National Development Programme. However the hospital spent over £3.6million on major capital equipment.

## Sterile Supplies Department (CSSD)

2000 was an extremely busy year in the CSSD Department made more difficult due to the staff shortages in the hospital. Normal service was maintained even though there was minimal replacement for holidays and sick leave.

## Central Stores

A new grading structure was put in place for Supplies Officers in the stores. We were allocated on-site Grade D Supplies Officers to assist with deliveries and stocking of new products which will expand in 2001.



## Staffing

Newcomers to the Purchasing Department in the year 2000 were Mr Bill Byrne - Supplies Officer, Mr Sean Couch - Supplies Officer, Mr Brendan Doyle - Acting Supplies Officer and Mr Chris Quinlan - Supplies Officer. and Mr Dave Byrne - Stock Manager.

Central Stores had two newcomers: Mr Jimmy Morton and Mr David Byrne.

## Conferences Attended

Mary Deane attended the European CSSD Conference in Germany in October.

Mary Deane, Susan Hearn, Kathleen Lynch and Stephanie Sheeran attended the annual Conference of the Irish Association of Sterile Services Managers in Dublin in November during which Mary Deane presented a paper *A Discussion on Chemical Indicators*.

## Chapter 51

# School Of Diagnostic Imaging

### Developments and Activities

There are 63 undergraduates undertaking the Bachelor of Radiography degree course, of whom nineteen commenced in September 2000. The 14 students who took their final degree exams in 1998 were successful, and have all gained employment as radiographers in Ireland, some in St.Vincent's University Hospital.

Higher Diploma courses in Computed Tomography and Ultrasound once again commenced in September 2000, with a total cohort of twenty three. Postgraduate research is ongoing in the School. There are a total of seven students undertaking research to Masters of Science level and four students undertaking research to PhD level.

Studies and short courses were very well attended by 188 qualified radiographers and associated imaging department staff from around the country. The Intravenous Injection Course maintains its popularity, as does the course in Radiation Protection for doctors.

In total during 2000, there were 63 undergraduates, 11 postgraduate research students, 23 Higher Diploma students, 44 certificate students and 151 occasional students in the School.

### Achievements

Prizes were awarded to the following undergraduates

#### First Year

1st place and Second Year Scholarship Award £400.  
Caroline O Regan.

#### Second Year

1st Place and Third Year Scholarship Award £400.  
Helena Frawley.

H.H Stewart Scholarship: 1st Prize £2000.  
Helena Frawley.

#### Third Year

1st place and Fourth Year Scholarship Award £4000.  
Caroline Doherty.  
O Farrell Medal.  
Caroline Doherty.



### Other Awards

Olive Flemming Memorial Award.  
Barry Halinan.

Kodak MSc Award.  
Sarah Butler.

### Conferences/Courses Attended

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| Jan Healy          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breast Cancer Meeting, Mater Misericordiae Hospital.</li> <li>- European Congress of Radiology, Vienna.</li> <li>- Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Dept. of Preventive Medicine, St. Vincent's University Hospital.</li> <li>- Breast Education Study Day, Dept. of Preventive Medicine, St. Vincent's University Hospital.</li> </ul> |
| Geraldine O'Connor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Congress of Radiology, Vienna.</li> </ul>   |

### Publications

#### Publications: Articles

Brennan PC, Madigan E., *Lumbar spine radiology: analysis of the posteroanterior projection*, European Radiology, Vol X, pp 1197-1201, 2000

Rainford LA & Brennan PC, *Evaluation of the diagnostic efficacy and dose reducing efficiency of erbium filtration for diagnostic X-ray investigations*, Br J Radiol, 73 (supp): 81

Carroll E & Brennan PC, *The establishment of diagnostic reference levels for barium enemas and barium meals*, Br J Radiol, 73 (supp):101

Arango D, Ettarh RR & Brennan PC, *The dose-effect relationship of MIP-1 alpha on small intestinal mucosa*, Dig Dis Sci, (12):2306-2312

Johnston DA, Brennan PC, *Reference dose levels for patients undergoing common diagnostic x-ray examinations in Irish hospitals*, British Journal of Radiology, 73, 396-402, 2000

Nallon AM, Herity B, Brennan PC, *Do symptomatic radiographers provide evidence for 'darkroom disease'?*, Occupational Medicine, Vol. 50 No1 pp 39-42, 2000

Shannon M, O'Connor G, *As we see ourselves: a proactive approach to interpersonal communication*, Journal of Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging, Vol II, No 4 167-171, 2000

#### Academic Assignments Outside University:

Stanton, M, *External Examiner, Masters and Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Science*, University of Ulster (1997-2001)

### Continuing Research Projects:

#### Title/Duration of Project

Evaluation of the diagnostic efficacy and dose-reducing efficiency of erbium filtration for commonly performed diagnostic X-ray examinations. Sept 98-01  
Examination optimisation in diagnostic paediatric radiography in Ireland. Sept 00-03

Reference Dose Levels for Contrast Based Diagnostic X-ray Examinations. Sept 99 - Sept 01

X-ray beam energy influencing image quality during high and low contrast radiography at photostimulable storage phosphors, amorphous-selenium flat-panel, digital selenium drum and film screen image acquisition. Sept 99-02.

An investigation into the current workstations and work practices for the reconstitution of radiopharmaceuticals in Nuclear medicine departments in the Republic of Ireland. Sept 99-01

An investigation into radiographic image quality levels of Europe and Asia using the European criteria for image quality evaluation. Sept 00-03

A study of infection control in the Ultrasound department. Sept00-02

The prevalence of Echinococcosis in Kyrgyzstan: use of Ultrasound for diagnosis. Sept 99-01

Levels of anxiety and pain among patients attending for symptomatic mammography examinations. Sept 00-01

UCD School of Diagnostic Imaging is Lead Partner for all of the above projects

### Presentations

Louise Rainford	A comparison of K-edge and non-selective filtration: A dose and image quality study UK Radiological Congress, Birmingham.
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## Chapter 53

# Hospital Committees

The year 2000 was an extremely busy year for the Technical Services Department. Alongside the routine maintenance of the facilities, plant and equipment many major works projects were initiated and overseen by our department. Our own competent staff of plumbers, carpenters, electricians and painters completed some of these while external contractors completed some of

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### Board of Management

The Board of Management governs, controls, manages and regulates the affairs of the hospital on behalf of the Religious Sisters of Charity. Its sets policy and develops the hospital and its services in accordance with the principles and ethics of the Religious Sisters of Charity.

Chairman: Professor Noel Whelan

Members: Mr. Cathal McAllister,  
Sr. Anne MacEneaney  
Sr. Joan O'Connor  
Mr. Stewart Harrington  
Sr. Agnes Reynolds  
Mrs. Joyce Andrews  
Dr. Lynda Fenelon  
Mr. Denis Bergin  
Ms. Gemma McCrohan  
Dr. Diarmuid O'Donoghue  
Sr. Eileen Mary Durack  
Dr. Caroline Hussey  
Mr. Patrick Meade  
Mr. Gerard Scanlon  
Mr. W. R. Quinlan

In Attendance: Mr. Nicholas C Jermyn  
Mr. Eamonn Fitzgerald  
Ms. Pauline Doyle  
Mr. Cormac Maloney  
Prof. Niall O'Higgins

### Executive Council

The Executive Council regulates, reviews and monitors the day to day management of the hospital within the terms set down by the Board of Management and the budgetary disciplines placed on it by the financial allocations of the Department of Health and Children.

Chairman: Mr. Nicholas C. Jermyn

Members: Mr. Eamonn Fitzgerald  
Mr. William R. Quinlan  
Miss Pauline Doyle  
Sr. Anne MacEneaney  
Mr. David Quinlan  
Dr. Lynda Fenelon  
Mr. Cormac Maloney  
Mr. Oliver Fitzgerald  
Dr. Dermot Malone (commenced April)

### Executive Committee of Medical Board

The Executive of the Medical Board considers, reviews and makes recommendations to the Executive Council and the Board of Management on issues such as medical staffing and appointments, medical policy and development, medical education, and other matters as may be determined by the Board of Management.

Chairman: Mr. William R. Quinlan  
Hon. Sec: Mr. David Quinlan

Members: Dr. Oliver Fitzgerald  
Mr. Enda McDermott  
Dr. Vincent Hannon  
Dr. Dermot Malone  
Dr. Lynda Fenelon  
Dr. Brian Maurer  
Dr. Alan Watson  
Dr. Morgan Crowe  
Mr. John Hyland  
Dr. Tom Crotty (commenced April)  
Dr. Pat Benson (commenced June)

In attendance: Prof. Niall O'Higgins

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee monitors and advises the Board of Management on the financial affairs of the hospital.

Chairman: Mr. Cathal McAllister

Members: Mr. Nicholas C. Jermyn  
Mr. Cormac Maloney  
Mr. Patrick Meade  
Mr. William Quinlan  
Mr. Eamonn Fitzgerald  
Miss Pauline Doyle

### Mission Committee

The role of the Mission Committee is to ensure that the mission and philosophy of the healthcare services, under the care of the Religious Sisters of Charity, is integrated into the daily operations of the hospital.

Chairman: Mr. Cathal McAllister

Members: Sr. Mary Angela Kelly  
Ms. Geraldine McSweeney  
Dr. Charles Gallagher  
Mr. Nicholas C. Jermyn  
Ms. Theresa Ward  
Ms. Siobhan O'Rourke  
Dr. Brian Maurer  
Ms. Deirdre Scott-Hayward  
Mr. Ivan Shirley  
Fr. Brian Gough  
Dr. Denis Keating  
Ms. Denise Comerford  
Ms. Anne Grumley  
Mr. Michael Darcy  
Mr. Tony O'Hara

### Risk Management Committee

The Risk Management Committee is an advisory committee. Its role and function is to facilitate the identification, promotion and development of best practice in relation to Risk Management issues.

Chairman: Mr. Eamonn Fitzgerald

Members: Dr. Richard Assaf  
Dr. Lynda Fenelon  
Ms. Mairead Markey  
Mr. Fergus Clancy  
Ms. Pauline Doyle  
Ms. Mary Shore  
Mr. Robert McQuillan  
Dr. Paul Gueret  
Dr. Morgan Crowe  
Mr. Paul Neary  
Mr. Larry Clancy  
Ms. Pauline Dempsey

### Health Promotion Committee

The Health Promotion Committee is an advisory committee. Its function and role is to support, direct and develop health promotion for staff and patients of St. Vincent's University Hospital and the local community, in keeping with St. Vincent's University Hospital participation in the national Health Promoting Hospital Network.

Chairman: Ms. Pauline Leahy

Members: Ms. Justine McGrane  
Ms. Mary J Murphy  
Ms. Breda Dreelan  
Ms. Denise Comerford  
Ms. Vivien Reid  
Ms. Mary Shore  
Dr. Charles Gallagher  
Dr. Paul Gueret  
Dr. Anna Clarke  
Ms. Fiona Lavin  
Mrs. Peggy Lowry

### Ethics and Medical Research Committee

The Ethics and Medical Research Committee advises and makes recommendations to the Executive Council on all research projects / drug trials undertaken in the hospital. It also ensures that the ethical code of St. Vincent's University Hospital and various legal guidelines are adhered to in relation to all research projects and trials carried out by hospital personnel.

Chairman: Dr. Donald Mc Carthy  
Hon. Sec: Dr. Tom Crotty

Members: Mr. Fergus Clancy  
Mr. Kieran Crowley  
Mr. Eamonn Fitzgerald  
Mr. Arnold Hill  
Mr. Joseph Leyden  
Mr. Colm McAllister  
Dr. Aidan McCormick  
Dr. James Masterson  
Mr. Denis Mehigan  
Dr. John Ryan  
Ms. June O'Shea  
Miss Petronilla Martin  
Ms. Tanya King

### Health & Safety Committee

The Health and Safety Committee is an advisory committee. Its role and function is to facilitate the identification, promotion and development of best practice in relation to Health and Safety issues.

Chairman: Mr. Eamonn Fitzgerald

Members: Mrs. Peggy. Lowry  
Dr. Paul. Gueret  
Mr. Larry Clancy  
Ms. Annette Gerarty  
Ms. Mairead Markey  
Ms. Pauline Dempsey  
Mr. Donald Murphy  
Mr. John O' Callaghan  
Ms. Theresa Flynn  
Ms. Claire Kingston  
Ms. Angela McAllister  
Ms. Fiona Flatley  
Ms. Caroline O'Higgins  
Dr. Lynda Fenelon  
Mr. Fergus Clancy  
Ms. Pauline Leahy  
Ms. Sean Savage  
Mr. Gerry Noone  
Mr. John Dever  
Ms. Ann Choiseul

### Other Hospital Committees

Hospital Transfusion Committee  
Cancer Care Committee  
Bed Management Committee  
Library Committee  
Radiation Safety Committee  
Project Development Team  
Education Committee  
Post Graduate Education Committee  
Nursing Practice Development Group  
Pathology Accreditation Committee  
Nutrition Committee

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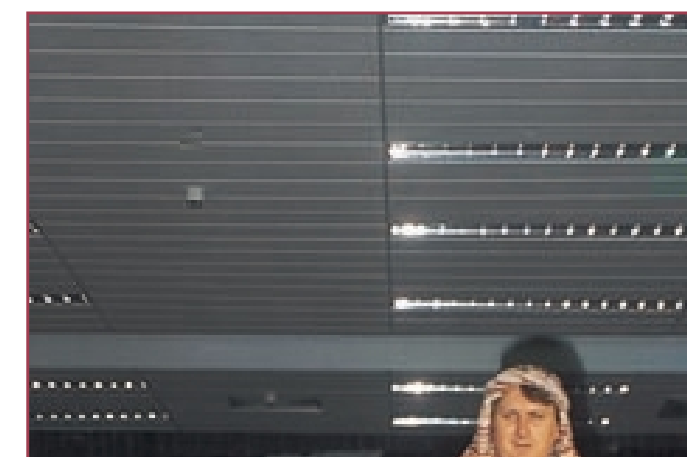
## Social Events 2000



Fashion Show 2000



Christmas Lunch 2000





Elizabeth Laffan, winner of Ladies Section in St.Vincents University Hospital Golf Outing



Family Fun Day 2000



Family Fun Day 2000



# Retirements 2000



Mr Philip Fletcher celebrates his retirement with members of the Catering Department



Mr William Quinlan, Chairman, Medical Board with Dr George Duffy on the occasion of his retirement



Mrs Carmel Ralph celebrates her retirement with friends and colleagues

Mr Christopher Geraghty. Employed 26/8/79-26/5/00. Maintenance Helper. "No regrets in Life. The hospital was good to me, I was happy with my work. Enjoying my retirement, I find the days too short"





Ms Elizabeth Carroll with colleagues from the Personnel Department on the occasion of her retirement



Ms Deirdre Scott-Hayward congratulates Ms Ursula Long on her retirement



Mr Eddie Cleary pictured with colleagues at his retirement party