



Dr. Louis D. Nunez

Ultrasound Capability

DIAGNOSTIC CAPABILITIES in the radiology department at Butterfield Hospital have been expanded with the updating of ultrasonography equipment used for examinations of major organs and determining the rate of fetal development.

New equipment has been made available through the cooperative efforts of the hospital and its radiologists, Dr. John J. Pileggi and Dr. Kenneth S. Schwartz.

With the equipment, high-frequency sound waves are used to examine soft-tissue organs, including the liver, gall bladder, kidneys, pancreas and heart. Ultrasonography, which involves no radiation or injections, makes it possible to determine how far a fetus has progressed, its position in the uterus, cardiac motions and any possible complications.

An image is projected on a video screen and the entire examination can be recorded for further study.

The availability of the new equipment makes it unnecessary for Butterfield patients to seek examinations elsewhere. Working with the radiologists is Sharon Bertolo, a technologist trained in operating the equipment.

Dedicated Chief of the Medical Staff

BUTTERFIELD HOSPITAL's chief of staff is a 38-year-old orthopedic surgeon who is dedicated to providing the best possible medical care to the community.

Dr. Louis D. Nunez, a native of New York City, moved with his family to Fishkill when he joined the hospital's staff three and a half years ago after completing 17 years of education and training for his specialty.

He received a premedical degree from the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., in 1966 and was graduated with an M.D. from the University of Berne Medical School in Switzerland in 1974.

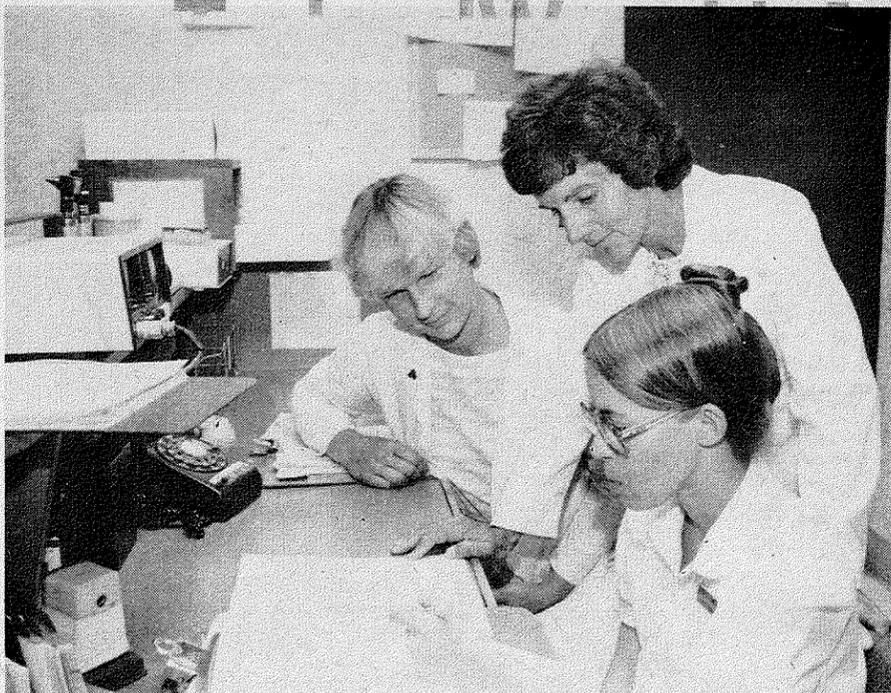
Two internships in general surgery followed, one in Switzerland, the other at New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center. Then came several residencies in orthopedic surgery in Boston — at Boston City Hospital, Carney University Hospital and New England Baptist Hospital — and at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton, Mass. He completed his training as chief resident in orthopedic surgery at Carney Hospital in December, 1979.

Nunez has developed specialties in arthroscopic surgery of the knee and total hip replacement. As head of the Butterfield medical staff he is a member of the hospital Board of Trustees and is active on the committee seeking a merger of Butterfield with Putnam Hospital Center and Vassar Brothers Hospital.

When he is not pursuing his medical specialty or the business of the hospital, Nunez enjoys flying land or sea planes and traveling with his wife, Susan, and their three children, aged 2 to 12.

"I enjoy working at Butterfield Hospital," Nunez said. "The atmosphere is most conducive to surgery for me. The quality of care here is excellent. It is a small, personal hospital and the people who come here are impressed with the warmth of the staff, which is very dedicated."

He added that, in his view, the medical staff, though small, was highly trained and well qualified in a diversity of fields.



CONFERRING ON PATIENT CARE — Cheryl Selig, left, assistant director of nursing; Jane Hannon, standing, director of nursing, and Jean Erickson, charge nurse in the medical-surgical department, review a patient's chart.

Busy Team That Directs The Nursing Department

JANE HANNON, who has been director of nursing at Butterfield for the last year, was a late bloomer in nursing.

Mrs. Hannon, whose husband, John, is superintendent of buildings and grounds of the Peekskill school system, had entered the University of Colorado's five-year nursing program when she came back home to Bronxville and got married.

After rearing four children she decided to fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse and enrolled in the Pace University program. Upon graduation in 1974, she joined the Butterfield staff and now oversees 70 full-time and part-time nurses.

In the meantime she worked as an operating room nurse, a staff nurse, supervisor of the special care unit and charge nurse in the medical-surgical department.

Her children are all grown. Jeff works for the telephone company. Jerry and John are both serving with the Special Forces in Fayetteville, N.C., and Jane is in Beacon. There are five grandchildren.

CHERYL SELIG, assistant director of nursing, started at Butterfield on the evening shift as a registered nurse 13 years ago. She received her training at Vassar Brothers Hospital and then worked at a hospital in Virginia before moving to LaGrangeville.

She and her husband, Joseph, who works for IBM, have three children, 11, 13, and 14.

In her experience as evening supervisor, day nurse, discharge-planning nurse and charge nurse in the medical-surgical department, Mrs. Selig has come to appreciate the close relationship between staff and patients at Butterfield.

"You have an opportunity to do hands-on nursing," she says, "and you get to know patients as people, not just disease entities."

Mrs. Hannon and her husband have a new activity — sailing their 17-foot weekender on the Hudson River in their time away from their work.

New Visiting Hours

NEW VISITING HOURS were established at Butterfield Hospital on Aug. 1. They are as follows:

Medical-Surgical Unit — 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Maternity Department — 11 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Fathers may visit from 7 A.M. to 10 P.M.

and may be present during labor and delivery.

Siblings may visit during regular visiting hours.

Pediatric Department — parents of patients may visit any time.

Visitors are asked to limit the length of their stays. Children are allowed to visit medical-surgical patients if accompanied by an adult. Only siblings are permitted in the maternity unit.

The new hours mark a liberalization of visiting privileges, providing for longer periods in which patients may have callers and adapting the hours to the convenience of both patients and their families.

Help From a Centralized Lab

SOPHISTICATED PROCEDURES in the laboratory are available to physicians and patients at Butterfield Hospital through its contractual arrangement with Hospitals Shared Services in Poughkeepsie.

The Poughkeepsie organization manages the Butterfield laboratory and provides 24-hour coverage by its pathologists and technicians.

Blood supplies for emergency transfusions are kept updated and are available

as needed, and many highly technical tests are conducted in the H.S.S. laboratory in Poughkeepsie.

Hospitals Shared Services provides laboratory tests, consultation and other services to several hospitals, among them Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie and Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, which are seeking a merger with Butterfield into the proposed Hudson Valley Health Care Corporation.

Butterfield: Generous Gift and Strong Tradition

By Carol Lahey
Assistant Administrator

The doors of Butterfield Hospital opened on Feb. 13, 1925. The hospital was bequeathed to the community by Julia Lorillard Butterfield, who died in 1913 at the age of 90.

She was twice married, first to F.P. James, with whom she made her summer home at Cragside now the area adjacent to the Haldane School in Cold Spring. After his death she married Gen. Daniel Butterfield in London in 1886 and they took up residence at Cragside. General Butterfield was a Union major general who reportedly composed the bugle call taps in 1862.

In addition to the hospital Mrs. Butterfield left to the community the library that bears her name. The original hospital trustees were named in Mrs. Butterfield's will. Vacancies were filled by appointment by the Supreme Court. This tradition is still being followed. Dr. Coryell Clark was the first chairman of the board and he remained active in the hospital until his death in 1957.

The first superintendent of the hospital was Margaret F. Hiller, R.N., who along with a staff of five nurses took care of the patients. In the first year the medical staff consisted of four village medical men, Drs.

Clark, Ralph M. Hall, Stevenson, and Genesse, the latter two being dentists. There were nine "visiting physicians" in attendance during that first year. Records show that 218 patients were admitted and that there were 21 births; there were 13 deaths, with seven of these listed as caused by senility. There were 43 major operations and 44 tonsilectomies; 60 people were treated in the "modern, well-equipped emergency room."

Of interest is the fact that in that very first year the hospital had a deficit of \$1,564.66. Rates were reasonable — a room and board for \$25 a week or \$4 a day, operating room rates at \$5 to \$10 and the delivery room \$5. Endowments made during that first year included notations such as "\$1,010 for one single room for one month during year."

The first major change came with the building of the Timme Wing, which opened in 1942 to provide more beds and a laboratory. After Dr. Clark's death, Dr. Hall provided the inspiration and incentive for what is now the Clark Pavilion, but he died before the plans were completed.

Joseph DeLuccia succeeded Dr. Hall as chairman of the board, and with the aid of the trustees and many Philipstown citizens, started and carried to completion the campaign that resulted in the erection of

the Clark Pavilion and the renovation of the old wing of the hospital with money left by Dr. Clark, funds contributed by generous supporters and Federal Hill-Burton allotments, all totaling more than \$1 million. The Clark Pavilion was dedicated on Oct. 20, 1963, and Thomas Ely was appointed as administrator, assisted by Ethel McCaffrey Stolzenberger, who had managed the hospital for many

years. Following Mr. Ely's death in 1969 Mrs. Stolzenberger was appointed administrator, a position she held until her retirement in 1979.

In 1967 the Board of Trustees realized the need to provide offices for physicians to encourage new ones to come to the hospital. With this in mind, the Butterfield Hospital Medical Arts Building, with eight suites, was built. The Medical Arts Building, which was attached to the hospital by a corridor, was always fully occupied, as it was at the time of the fire that destroyed it on Feb. 17. A New Medical Arts Building will be ready for occupancy by January 1984, it is hoped.

The hospital has seen many changes over the years. The staff has grown considerably and the number of admissions per year has increased greatly. We look forward to the challenges facing the hospital and feel confident that it will continue to provide high quality health care.



This 19th Century portrait of Julia Lorillard Butterfield hangs in the office of the administrator of the hospital that bears her name.