

Maumee Valley Hopes Federal Grant Can Better Teaching Hospital Role

Medical College Tie Boosts Need For Improved Facilities

Maumee Valley Hospital hopes to seek a federal grant to expand and modernize facilities such as the operating rooms, laboratories, emergency room, and X-ray department for its role as the Medical College of Ohio's teaching hospital.

Warren Rayman, administrator, said the need for the improvements, especially in X-ray, has been "very serious" for some time but that the hospital's affiliation with the new medical college make the new equipment needs even more desperate.

The college, whose first students began class Monday, is to be dedicated by Governor Rhodes Sunday in a ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on the grounds of Roche Hospital, 945 South Detroit Ave. The public ceremony will be held in a large tent erected in front of the hospital.

Roche Hospital serves as the college's interim headquarters.

Mr. Rayman said that becoming the college's teaching hospital has been a "great energizer" for Maumee Valley. "There is no question that the spectrum of services to be rendered will be broadened and improved," he said.

He noted that a number of medical college faculty members are based full-time at Maumee Valley and also that the number of private physicians sending patients to the hospital is increasing because of the college affiliation. As the number of patients being referred to the college staff increases, the number of Maumee Valley outpatients increases, Mr. Rayman said.

Primary Function Unchanged

The administrator added that the county hospital's primary function of caring for the indigent has not changed but that it now has additional responsibilities, and these make the needs for improvements more pressing than before. Mr. Rayman said the improvements would have been provided through a property tax levy that Lucas County voters defeated in 1967.

Dr. Robert Page, college dean, said the application for the grant is due by Oct. 30.

The federal grant would solve the hospital's long-range equipment problems, Mr. Rayman said, adding that short-range solutions also must be provided, probably through leasing equipment for teaching the medical students.

Dr. Glidden Brooks, college president, said that Maumee Valley "cannot properly support the functions of a teaching hospital without being improved." He noted that any improvements still could be used by the college after its permanent campus is built.

The five-year college-hospital affiliation agreement calls for the college to provide physicians and surgeons from the faculty to supervise and direct services to patients and outpatients. Department chairmen at the college are in charge of the corresponding departments at the hospital.

Officials Responsible

Operation of the hospital, including the school of nursing and establishment of personnel policies for all employees except the medical staff, remains the responsibility of hospital officials.

Mr. Rayman said that the medical college officials have not tried to encroach on the hospital's autonomy and said the relationship has been excellent.

Some of the hospital's pressing space problems will be lessened with the opening of the 170-bed addition to the Lucas County Home, which was merged with the hospital last year.

The facility still will be used for extended-care patients as originally planned but will serve to house some intermediate-care and self-care patients now in Maumee Valley, he said.

It is to be named after Dr. Fred M. Douglass, Jr., Maumee Valley's chief of surgery who died in 1965.

Another move being taken to improve operations at the joint hospital-home facility is the centralizing of the kitchen, Mr. Rayman said. A tunnel leading from the hospital to the home for the aged is being improved, with ramps or elevators being installed at each end, for easy movement of food, patients, and equipment between the two.

Training Programs Improved

Mr. Rayman noted that the appearance of the medical college has gone a long way to improve the residency training programs not only at Maumee Valley but also at a number of other Toledo hospitals with which the college has established joint programs.

The residency in surgery, for

example, is a joint program involving the medical school, Maumee Valley, St. Vincent, and Toledo State hospitals. It is under the direction of Dr. Marion Anderson, chairman of the college's surgery department and director of surgery at Maumee Valley.

Similarly, a residency in obstetrics and gynecology involves St. Vincent, Maumee Valley, and Toledo hospitals, with the medical college. It is directed by Dr. Melvern A. Ayers, obstetrics-gynecology director at Maumee Valley and acting chairman of that college department.

Toledo and Maumee Valley hospitals were cooperating in a pediatrics residency before the opening of the medical school, and St. Vincent and Maumee Valley had a cooperative agreement on a residency in orthopedics. College officials expect to become involved in these and other residency programs in the future.

Governor To Dedicate College, Not Facilities

Governor Rhodes Sunday will be dedicating the college itself, not the facilities, which are only temporary. College officials hope work can begin next year on the permanent campus.

Speakers in addition to Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Brooks will include Paul Block, Jr., board chairman; John A. Skipton, of Findlay, board vice chairman and Dr. Page.



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