

City Reports Shortage Of Physicians

Hospital Gives Emergency Care In Bowling Green

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BOWLING GREEN, O. — Like other northwestern Ohio communities, Bowling Green now is facing a shortage of doctors in general practice.

There are 15 doctors practicing in town, William Culbertson, administrator of Wood County Hospital, said. Three doctors have left the city in the last four years, while only one new physician has been added.

The growth in population of the area has put a strain on the doctors, who are now refusing to take on any more regular patients, Mr. Culbertson said.

Persons in need of a doctor's care often come to the hospital's emergency room, where the doctor on call will treat them, he said, noting the increased use of the emergency facilities.

The Welcome Wagon Club has said that the most persistent complaint of newcomers to the community is that they cannot find a family physician, the administrator said.

The hospital has been advertising in national medical journals, and has had several prospective doctors visit the community.

Young doctors seem to prefer to go into a type of group or partnership practice, Mr. Culbertson said, and this may hurt Bowling Green's chances because there are only two such partnerships in town.

"But a doctor in general practice here will have no trouble financially," he said. "He can be as busy as he wants to be."

The administrator said he expects the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo to help the area's supply of doctors in the future, he added although that he wished the first graduating class were ready now. Many young physicians locate near a medical school, he added.

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