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MISSOULA---

A Colorado physician said Saturday that many drastic changes are under way in a number of university medical centers and hospitals across the country, but he stressed the national need for more doctors and for continuing medical-educational changes to provide maximum benefits to society.

Dr. Charley J. Smyth of Denver addressed his remarks at the University of Montana to 36 Montana and Wyoming doctors attending the annual regional meeting of the two-state chapter of the American College of Physicians.

"The changes that are taking place (in medical facilities) are in many instances long overdue," Dr. Smyth emphasized. "We have needed pressures like the student unrest and other legal and social groups to arouse us into meaningful and, we hope, progressive changes."

Dr. Smyth said two of the most significant changes in medical training in recent years have been curriculum reform, to permit medical students a more flexible course of study, and the enrollment of more disadvantaged students, such as Negroes and members of other ethnic groups, to satisfy needs for social reform.

The Denver physician said the national need for more medical graduates is increasing at such a rapid rate that medical schools have had to expand the sizes of their graduating classes to meet those needs.

"At one leading university in the Midwest," Dr. Smyth said, "there were 200 in the graduation class in June 1969. The freshman class was increased to 225 this year and the goal of that school is 300 graduates a year in the next five to seven years."

Dr. Smyth said the need for more medical schools was so great in 1968 that "there were as many foreign trained graduates given initial licenses to practice medicine in the United States as graduates from American medical Schools."