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22 PHYSICIANS STUDY
HEART CARE AT ST. PATRICK,
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA, Mont. --

Twenty-two physicians, including 20 from Montana, are improving their coronary care skills during the Intensive Coronary Care Symposium this week at St. Patrick Hospital and the University of Montana.

Discussions and practical applications of care for hospital patients who have suffered heart attacks will continue through Thursday during the four-day educational program, which is one in a series administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) under the Mountain States Regional Medical Program (MSRMP).

The symposia deal with recent developments in the treatment of heart attack patients.

One of the doctors now studying under the program is from Idaho, another is from

South Dakota.

Coronary care training comprises one of four health programs, including heart disease stroke, cancer and physical therapy, planned for bringing recent health care developments to people living beyond large medical centers.

Since 1968, doctors and nurses from Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada--the four states comprising the MSRMP--have been participating in special training courses in intens coronary care here.

Medical educators from the University of Washington, <u>Seattle</u>, assist UM faculty and Missoula physicians in conducting the coronary care symposia.

Dr. Harold A. Braun, a Missoula physician and director of the Coronary Care Training Program, said the main objective of the program is to get the latest medical knowledge to physicians in the field, so patients who have suffered heart attacks will get the best possible care immediately.

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Several Missoula physicians are presenting medical aspects of the program at the University of Montana. They are Dr. Braun, Dr. Richard D. Weber, Dr. Gerald A. Diettert, Dr. James E. Gouaux, Dr. Walter J. Lewis and Dr. Vasil P. Czorny. Visiting consultant is Dr. John A. Murray, Seattle, Wash., of the Division of Cardiology, University of Washington School of Medicine.

The University of Montana is providing space and several personnel for this week's symposium. Dr. E.W. Pfeiffer, a UM zoology professor, is in charge of the physiology laboratory aspects of the four-day program. Assisting him is William W. Morrelles, UM zoology preparator, and John P. Armentrout, of Browning, a premedicine undergraduate student at UM.

During the symposium, physicians are spending two hours a day in laboratory and practice time at St. Patrick Hospital, receiving training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and cardiac monitoring, Other sessions also are under way at the UM Health Sciences Building and at the University Center.

Montana physicians participating in this week's symposium include Dr. James H. Armstrong, Dr. V.D. Feree, Dr. Eaner P. Higgins, and Dr. Alfred V. Swanberg, Kalispell; Dr. James H. Collier, Whitefish; Dr. R. Wade Covill, Columbia Falls; Dr. John N. Drye, Plains.

Dr. Richard B. Griffing and Dr. J.A. Ross, <u>Great Falls</u>; Dr. Lyle D. Boldt, <u>Bozeman</u>; Dr. John R. Brewer, <u>Havre</u>; Dr. Robert W. Sletten, <u>Shelby</u>; Dr. Eleanor Sutherland, <u>Glasgow</u>; Dr. M.N. Cameron, Dillon.

Dr. Richard O. Chambers, <u>Glendive</u>; Dr. Stephen A. Chilian, <u>Terry</u>; Dr. Thomas R. Clemons and Dr. William E. Harris, <u>Livingston</u>; Dr. William E. Hadcock, <u>Conrad</u>; Dr. Edwin L. Stickney, <u>Miles City</u>.

Out-of-state physicians participating in the program include Dr. Phil Glennie, <u>Hayden</u>
<u>Lake</u>, <u>Idaho</u>, and Dr. R.K. Johnson, <u>Rapid City</u>, <u>S.D.</u>