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CORONARY CARE
PROGRAM UNDER WAY
AT ST. PATRICK, UM

MISSOULA--

Efforts to improve coronary care for hospital patients who have suffered heart attacks are continuing here through Thursday (June 18) during the four-day Intensive Coronary Care Symposium for physicians at St. Patrick Hospital and the University of Montana.

Nine doctors from three states are participating in the 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 hear attack patients.

Dr. James Cole, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, and Dr. Phillip R. Akre, Las Vegas, Nev., director of the WICHE-MSRMP Coronary Care Training Program in Nevada, are the consulting physicians for the Missoula symposium.

In-state physicians participating in the four-day program include Dr. Richard Cole, Bozeman; Dr. Donald Good, Anaconda; Dr. L. L. Howard, Great Falls; Dr. David V. Kaufman, Whitefish, and Dr. Hugh H. Wilhite, Red Lodge. Out-of-state participants include Dr. Eddie Drogd, McCall, Idaho; Dr. John A. Edwards, Council, Idaho; Dr. Patrick D. Nolan, Buffalo, Wyo., and Dr. Don F. Shreve, Cody, Wyo.

Coronary care training comprises one of four health programs, including heart disease, stroke, cancer and physical therapy, developed to bring recent health care programs 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 intensive coronary care here.

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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.

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 III and Dr. Vasil P. Czorny.

The University of Montana is providing space and several personnel during the symposium. Dr. E. W. Pfeiffer, a UM zoology professor, is in charge of the physiology laboratory aspects of the four-day program. Assisting him are William W. Morrelles, UM zoology preparator, and John Armentrout, a UM premedicine student.

During the symposium, physicians spend 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 held at the UM Health Sciences Building and at the University Center.

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