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MISSOULA--

Twenty-two doctors from four states are participating in the Intensive Coronary Care Symposium through Thursday at St. Patrick Hospital and the University of Montana.

The four-day program, which began Monday, is administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) under the Mountain States Regional Medical Program (MSRMP). The symposium deals with recent developments in treatment of heart attack patients.

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.

Medical educators from the University of Washington, Seattle, assist UM faculty and Missoula physicians in conducting medical symposia similar to the one under way this week in Missoula.

For more than 1 1/2 years, doctors and nurses from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Nevada, the four states comprising the MSRMP, have been participating in special training courses in intensive coronary care in Missoula.

Main objective of the program, according to Dr. Harold A. Braun, Missoula, who is director, is to get University of Washington medical center knowledge to physicians in the field, so patients will get the best possible care immediately.

Several Missoula physicians are presenting medical aspects of the program at the University in Missoula. They are Dr. Vasil P. Czorny, Dr. James E. Gouaux, Dr. Richard D. Weber, Dr. Gerald A. Diettert and Dr. Braun.

Special participants include George A. Barrow, Missoula, architectural consultant to the coronary care training program, and Dr. John Blackmon, a physician with the Division of Cardiology at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

The University of Montana is providing space and several personnel for 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 Gary M. Matson, a UM graduate student.

Physicians participating in the four-day symposium spend two hours a day in laboratory and practice time at St. Patrick Hospital, receiving training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and cardiac monitoring.

Physicians from Montana participating in the program include Dr. Robert B. Curry and Dr. C. Robert White, Missoula; Dr. James C. Simmons, Hamilton; Dr. Wilfred S. Miller, Whitefish; Dr. Maurice E. K. Johnson, Kalispell; Dr. Oscar Baltrusch and Dr. Eugene Kronmiller, Billings; Dr. E. G. Allen and Dr. Albert L. Vadheim, Bozeman; Dr. George M. Gilboy, Butte.

Also, Dr. Leonard Klassen, Glasgow; Dr. Michael Barton, Shelby; Dr. Donald G. Fletcher, Conrad; Dr. Lowell A. Brown, Miles City; Dr. Joseph P. Fraser, Lewistown; Dr. Charles E. Townsend, Helena.

Out-of-state participants include Dr. Lester F. Allison, Powell, Wyo.; Dr. D. A. Daugharty, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Dr. Rodger G. Hawkins, Moscow, Idaho; Dr. Burton R. Stein, Lewiston, Idaho; and Dr. William B. Ririe, East Ely, Nev., Dr. John A. Knebel, Buffalo,

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