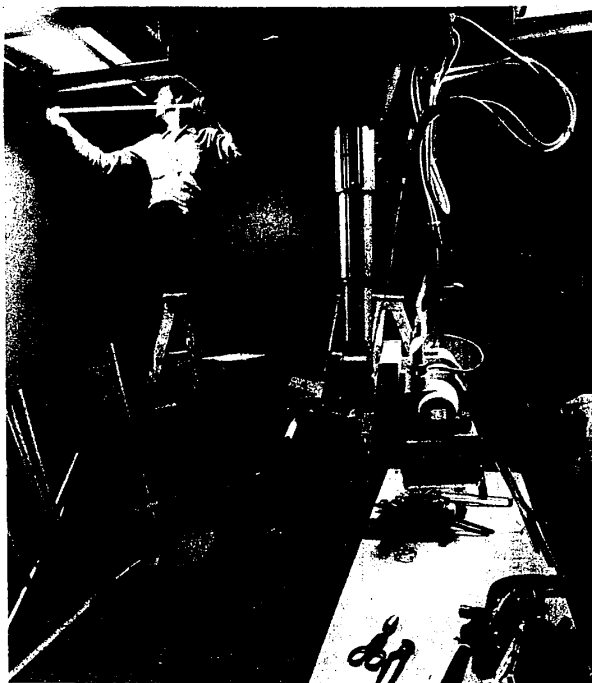


Botsford unveils facility for residents



Workmen, doctors coexist

Dr. Micheal Podolsky (left), and Dr. Steven Lewin examine a film of a cranial examination made possible through nuclear medicine. Meanwhile, across the hall, workmen examine a much different facet of the new wing. They are working to ready a third x-ray examination room. Charles Child, hospital maintenance worker measures the area around the room's x-ray machine. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)



By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

There are six-month-old magazines on the coffee tables in the reception room. The nurses' white shoes still squeak across the sterile tile floors. Yet, in spite of a few traditional hospital odors and noises, there is something different about the environment of Botsford Osteopathic Hospital's new professional services wing.

Visitors will have a chance to view the \$2 million addition from 1-4 p.m. Sunday when the hospital hosts its open house.

The outpatient x-ray clinic and ambulatory surgery sections of the pro-

fessional building are designed to spare the patient the discomfort of an extended stay in the hospital, according to Mary Wilson, supervisor of the new surgical wing.

Brightly covered prints by Miro perk up the reception area in the outpatient x-ray clinic. Its inner hallways also are covered with prints. The bright yellows, oranges, blues and reds in the traditionally austere hallways is to make the patient feel more comfortable in a sometimes unpleasant situation.

"BEFORE, THE OUT-PATIENTS were forced to mingle with hospital patients as they waited for x-rays,"

admitted Dr. Leo Sheiner, chairman of the hospital's department of neurology.

"They felt uncomfortable around hospital patients who sometimes had intravenous devices connected to them," he added. The new x-ray unit will be able to handle as many as 50 to 60 out-patients a day, which is considered an unusually large patient load.

The two x-ray rooms in use are painted beige and maroon to avoid the stark look that hospital white would give the areas. A third x-ray room is being readied by carpenters.

The machines are built to meet De-

partment of Health, Education and Welfare Standards, according to Sheiner. The x-ray machinery is able to take a picture of a small portion of a patient's body without unnecessarily exposing other areas to radiation.

The technicians outfit themselves with lead lined aprons and gloves to protect themselves from daily exposure to the x-rays.

One of the x-ray machines in the new wing features a floating table that allows the patient to remain stationary while the technician x-rays several areas.

ADJOINING THE x-ray rooms are

small dressing areas for men and women. The dressing rooms are decorated with more posters in chrome frames and chairs. After a test which requires the patient to fast, coffee and sweet rolls are offered to the persons in the dressing rooms.

"You'll be surprised at how many people are diet conscious," Sheiner said. "They'll take the coffee, but not the roll."

The wall at the far end of the hallway is scheduled to be removed to make way for a nuclear medicine wing sometime this summer, he added.

Nuclear medicine involves the use of radioactive material in disease detection and treatment.

Across the hall from the x-ray unit is Botsford's ambulatory surgery wing. The wing specializes in types of surgery which require a hospital stay of about four to five hours before the patient is sent home to recover.

It's a less traumatic experience for the patient, this way," explained Dr. Al Zeiger, founder of the hospital.

We're concerned with cost containment and the ambulatory surgery process cuts the cost for us to at least

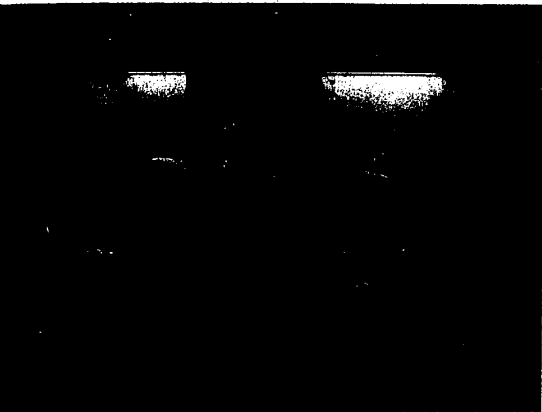
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X-ray technician Mary Fogle (above left) acquaints herself with one of the new x-ray rooms at Botsford Hospital. Mary Wilson (above right) examines the cart which carries vital equipment into a patient's room.



Patients will be able to go home four hours after surgery in the hospital's ambulatory surgery wing. They will recuperate from surgery under staff surveillance (below).



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