

Life gets tense inside Ford's emergency room

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

It's a hot, sticky early summer evening.

But inside the Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield Center's cool clinic, the emergency waiting room is filled with people watching a rerun of "Petticoat Junction."

Some joke nervously, others are tensely controlled.

A boy holds an icebag to his forehead. He rocks back and forth quietly crying. His father seems annoyed. . . . a cover for worry?

Double doors to the treatment room swing open electronically as nurses bustle in and out.

A name is called. Another patient treated.

Seven-year-old Chris Pawloski of Union Lake fell on a piece of metal, cutting his left leg.

His mother cheerfully admits: "He's accident prone."

"I can't feel a thing," Chris assures Dr. Clare Johnson as the emergency room physician sutures the last of eight stitches.

Still high-spirited, Chris shows his father the bandage and how well he walks.

TAMMY CLARK, 13, of Orchard Lake broke her collarbone turning somersaults. She and her mother wait for the X-rays to confirm the diagnosis. They're both hungry. It's their only complaint.

Wolfgang Blume says his son Marcus, 10, was opening a package from his grandmother when the knife slipped and hit his eye.

The Blume family has been in West Bloomfield just a month. Marcus speaks little English. His father was brought here from Germany by the Ford Motor Co. to work for a year.

Dr. Johnson says the eye caught Marcus must wear is for a corneal abrasion.

Nurse Elaine Genderson and Joan Spatle explain patients seldom have to wait more than an hour. But tonight at the emergency room of the West Bloomfield Center, it's longer.

One of the emergency room doctors had a death in the family. So another is sent from the main downtown Henry Ford Hospital to fill in.

CLINIC RECEPTIONIST Bonnie Snyder of Walled Lake logs the complaints: cuts, bruises, fevers, asthma, bee stings, sore throats. . . .

Some patients come to the 24-hour facility on Maple Road from West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Rochester, Northville, Dearborn Heights, Novi, Walled Lake and Troy, according to the registry.

London, England? A summer visitor to West Bloomfield, a nurse explains.

"It's slow on rainy nights. Children come when school is out during the day. After dark, we get older patients," adds Snyder.

She has been with the clinic since it opened in November, 1975. Since then the number of patients treated in a 24-hour period has gone from 10 to 100.

Candy-striper Sharon Raison, a Walled Lake Central sophomore, helps out two or three nights per week. "I do it because I want to be a nurse," she admits.

This night, there are no serious problems, but the staff is prepared for any emergency.

Since the West Bloomfield Center is geared to outpatient care, patients who require hospitalization will be treated and either referred or transported to a hospital.

At the West Bloomfield Center, each doctor is a member of the Ford Hospital medical staff. This gives patients the option of making necessary in-hospital stays at the Henry Ford West Grand Boulevard facility.



A multi-purpose facility, the suburban clinic brings patients from a variety of areas, including Farmington and Farmington Hills. Here, Tommy Clark waits for X-rays after injuring his collar bone. (Staff photo)



Vrej Manogian (left), a volunteer at the center, and Marge Pawloski watch as Dr. Clare Johnson (foreground) and Dr. James Belittos work on Chris Pawloski's injured leg. Belittos is a resident at the Grand Boulevard facility and was filling in at the suburban center during another doctor's absence. (Staff photo by Charlie Kidd)

4 area hospitals' expansion approved

Expansion of four area hospitals, at a cost of nearly \$9 million, was approved by the state health directors' office recently.

Oakwood Hospital, 18101 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, will renovate and construct the lobby and admitting areas at the facility.

A total of 11,400 square feet will be constructed adjacent to the existing Skillman Lobby on the hospital's first floor.

The project will cost an estimated \$990,000 and will be completed in January 1982.

Harper-Grace Hospitals, 3980 John R. Detroit, received approval to purchase a pharmacy information system.

The equipment will be located in the Grace Division pharmacy and in three pharmacy satellites central pharmacy, and the pharmacy storeroom of the Harper Division.

The new system will run checks on drug allergies and interactions, print the drug order, calculate the stop date, print labels, generate billing, and maintain an inventory.

Cost of system is \$422,415.

Sinai Hospital of Detroit, 6767 West Outer Drive, received approval plans to renovate and expand the obstetrical and newborn services of the facility.

The project calls for relocating the postpartum unit from the second floor of the North Wing to the second and third floors of the Center for Continued

Care (CCC). Some remodeling and renovation of the second and third floors will be required for the new postpartum unit; and the area vacated by the postpartum unit will be remodeled to accommodate the Rehabilitative Medicine In-patient Unit.

In addition, a four story addition will be built adjoining the North Wing and the CCC. The ground floor will contain labor and delivery employees' lockers, and the first floor will provide a new entrance to the obstetrical area and administrative space. The second floor will house a new delivery room, a term nursery, convalescent nursery, special convalescent nursery for infants born at Sinai Hospital, and support services. The third floor will house three normal nurseries and support space.

In the North Wing, the sun porches will be converted to family waiting rooms, and rooms formerly used for waiting will be converted to isolation rooms. As a result, the examination rooms, once used for isolation, will be converted to their original use.

The project will cost an estimated \$7,121,000 and will correct obstetrical and newborn services code deficiencies.

Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, 6071 West Outer Drive, Detroit, will renovate the dietary department.

The project will cost an estimated \$300,000 and will be completed in November.

Mall turns green as plants appear

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