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Board members came away from their day-long experience with a heightened awareness of what being a doctor means. As Ijjas said, "When you see a case from start to finish you get a larger perspective than what you see on TV."

Dave Parr said he was very moved by a scene in which the doctor told an aging mother's family that she was terminal. "The patient's son said he was so impressed with the 'caring care' that he wanted to be a hospital volunteer."

Dr. Richard McDowell, who once taught anatomy and physiology, was impressed with the cardiologists' skills during cauterization procedures. "Watching them I became aware of the skills they had that enabled them to do this in such a marvelous manner."

He was equally impressed by the concern the cardiologists and medical staff had for the anxiety levels of patients undergoing heart catheterizations. "In each case they called the patient by name and described what they

were doing. They had a tremendous concern to reduce the stress levels of patients."

The future "National Hospital Week seemed like a good week to launch this new program because it opens the doors of the hospital to the community. It's important for the our community leaders to see first-hand the quality of medical care and technology available right here and get a chance to speak directly with our doctors about health care issues," said David Spivey,

president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Besides seeing what doctors do, the board members saw what doctors need.

"I can see why the emergency room needed to be expanded," said Rosiek. "Dr. Colice never sat down."

"I was lobbied all afternoon for a cancer center," said Parr about Dr. Niak's persuasive techniques. "I was told 'We'll take care of people better because we're not just crunching numbers. We're not going to be a

Karmanos cancer center. We're going to be a St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center."

St. Mary Mercy Hospital recently celebrated their one-year anniversary as a member of Trinity Health. The Healthcare Partnership Program is a small part of a new marketing focus as the hospital defines and implements new goals.

"It is really important to provide this kind of opportunity to get the word out. Get as many people as you can to see this.

This is powerful public relations," said Watson.

All participants were given evaluation forms and asked to suggest future participants.

The next Healthcare Partnership Program will run in the fall. "We'll soon be contacting people for that program. Interested community leaders should call me directly," said Spivey. She can be reached at (734) 655-1591 or e-mail: sproul@trinity-health.org.

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Diagnosis

To be diagnosed as having schizophrenia, one must have associated symptoms for at least six months. Medical doctors specializing in mental illness are qualified to make the diagnosis.

About 70 percent of patients can control schizophrenia with anti-psychotic drug therapy.

Drugs can be 80-90 percent effective in relieving auditory hallucinations. Currently, about 25 percent of patients can recover fully.

About 60 percent will improve over ten years of treatment. With drug treatment, 60 percent of patients remain out of hospital

longer than those not on drug therapy, who have a 20 percent chance of avoiding hospitalization.

While medical advances have helped schizophrenics around the world since Pinel's day, the social barriers for it sufferers still exist. To that end, the National Schizophrenia Foundation administers a key therapeutic resource, Schizophrenics Anonymous.

The support group was formed in 1985 by Joanne Verbanic in Detroit. It has grown to an international support network with over 150 groups worldwide, helping more than 4,800 people.

Contact the NSF at: National Schizophrenia Foundation, 403 Seymour Street, Suite 202, Lansing, MI 48933, phone: (617) 485-7168, fax: (617) 485-7180 or e-mail: schizanon@aol.com.

Internet sites include:
■ National Schizophrenia Foundation - www.sanonymous.org.
■ Schizophrenics Anonymous - www.sanonymous.org.
■ Schizophrenia.com - www.schizophrenia.com

■ Mental Health Association in Michigan - www.mha-mi.org
■ Medical View Interactive - www.medicalview.com

MON, MAY 21

MEDICATION COMPLIANCE
The Department of Behavioral Medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will host a lecture titled *Medication Compliance is Great for Your Mental Health* 6-7 p.m. in West Addition B. Presenters Daniel Deary,

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

ACSW, and Jeanine Saba, RNC, will discuss types of therapeutic drugs and their indications and contraindications, as well as the benefits of consistent medication management. Free. To pre-register, call (734) 655-2944 or 1-800-494-0277 for out-of-town callers.

ABCS OF HEPATITIS
Approximately 1.2 million people in the United States have Hep-

atitis B and 4.8 million have Hepatitis C. If you or someone you know has questions about Hepatitis A, B or C, check out the facts regarding transmission, prevention and treatment. Hosted by the Novi Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Begins 9:30 a.m.

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