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The concept was Dr. Kellams’ and it illustrates his focus and philosophy for the coming year. Maybe, and somewhat surprisingly to you, the photograph was taken next door to your IMS Headquarters. Mental Health illnesses do affect one in four and maybe right in your Zip Code. The family next door?

For Dr. Kellams vision for the coming year, please see his President’s Page Message, page 7, and his Leadership Profile featured on page 8.
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History of Psychiatry in Indiana

As I indicate in my leadership profile, (page 8 of this issue) I am planning on focusing in the IMS Bulletins the subject I know best: psychiatry and its many facets. There are obviously financial, national, and legislative matters that could be covered in these monthly statements, but for those you have the AMA News, ISMA Reports, and the like providing much more in depth analysis than I could convey.

This month I would like to review the history of psychiatry in Indiana and follow its progression to psychiatry as we know it today. Psychiatric illness is documented even in the writings of Plato and Socrates. The Greeks and Romans, however, ignored such illness and banished those afflicted into the countryside. Psychiatric hospitals per se actually date back to 750 AD in Arabia. Indiana saw its first psychiatric hospital constructed in 1841. It was referred to as “The Indiana Hospital for the Insane.” This was one of the first fifteen asylums in the country and until its demise in the mid 1990’s, it was the oldest state hospital west of the Alleghenies. It was later to be known as Central State Hospital and provided 160 acres for its 2600 residents. The philosophy of treatment was that of “moral therapy.” Keep in mind psychiatric diagnosis was primitive and treatment involved confinement of patients in hospitals with large acreage, which was heavily landscaped so as to provide a sense of peace and tranquility where one could address the conflicts of the mind. This was indeed the standard of care in the poorly understood science and subspecialty of medicine called psychiatry at that time.

Fifty years later, the Pathology Building was constructed on the grounds of the Indiana Hospital for the Insane. The building was dedicated in 1896 and was devoted to research and the quest for the causes of mental illness. It was regarded as one of the finest research labs in the world devoted to psychiatry. Interestingly, the building would not have been constructed had the hospital superintendent not deviated funds against the state legislature’s wishes from the general operating expenses to the construction of the “Old Pathology Building.” This building is the only surviving structure on the former Central State Hospital grounds and is now 114 years old and is on the national historic registry of buildings. Central State Hospital was the old Norway’s Hospital on the near east side of Indianapolis, founded in the early 1800’s, which had been constructed was finally producing results three miles east off Washington Street in another lab pioneered by another researcher, Colonel Eli Lilly.

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Private psychiatry began to emerge in the 1940’s. The old Norway’s Hospital on the near east side of Indianapolis functioned from the mid 1940’s through the mid 1950’s. As this facility faded, Methodist Hospital developed prominent psychiatry services and was a leader in the specialty until the early 1980’s when the St. Vincent Hospital became prominent. An unsuccessful marriage between the Stress Center and Community North left the Stress Center in decline with Community North picking up the gauntlet for psychiatry. Significant also was the year 1955 when Thorazine became available. That was also the year when patients in state hospitals nationwide peaked at half a million. That number has been declining ever since and slowly, but certainly, state hospitals also began diminishing. This closure of state hospitals began accelerating further then with the Mental Health Center Act under John F. Kennedy in the early 1960’s. One by one state hospitals began fading. Their large populations of patients, many with several thousand each, began declining. At present there are only five state hospitals remaining in Indiana with only one to two hundred patients each. This has occurred due to multiple factors: changes in treatment philosophy, development of mental health centers with wrap-around services, psychopharmacology, and improved understanding of and acceptance of the mentally ill by the general public so they can be folded into the community.

In our own backyard, another significant event occurred which advanced the specialty of psychiatry. After 22 years in development, Lilly introduced Prozac and by serendipity the timing was perfect. Suddenly, psychiatric illness was not by choice but was chemically mediated. Suddenly, it was appropriate to seek treatment and to even talk about one’s psychiatric illness. A hundred years later, the “research” for which the “Old Pathology Building” at Central State Hospital had been constructed was finally producing results three miles east off Washington Street in another lab pioneered by another researcher, Colonel Eli Lilly.

Like every medical specialty, psychiatry has its own history and this history varies some and yet has some similarities also from state to state. There is much more history I could add to the bare bones of Indiana psychiatric history that I have by necessity only glossed over lightly. I hope that what I have provided, however, conveys the fact that psychiatry is an evolving science that began rather crudely, but has advanced over the last 150 years to stand alongside the shoulders of all the other medical specialties as well.

In the next IMS Bulletin I will review the development of the mental health centers and the philosophy and variety of services they provide.
Leadership Profile – Jeffrey J. Kellams, MD, IMS President

Forty years of psychiatric practice have taught me that I am fortunate to have a stable and normally functioning brain. This was initially conveyed to me during my junior clerkship in psychiatry in the late 1960’s. Psychotropic medications were just coming into focus (Thorazine, Stelazine, Lithium, for example) and the entire specialty of psychiatry was to never be the same. I was fortunate enough to have appeared on the scene at that moment, and as a result, deviated from family practice and internal medicine into the abyss of psychiatry and the frontiers of neurochemistry. It was obvious even then that brain chemistry was fragile and responsible for our day to day stability. This was further verified by my close mentorship with Drs. Joyce and Iver Small, psychiatrists who were both biologically trained and oriented in their management of major psychiatric illnesses. This was a mentorship that persisted for the next thirty years and greatly impacted my philosophy of treatment as well as my service to the community.

Over the ensuing years, my medical horizons expanded and became quite varied and included private practice, academic appointment as a professor in the very department in which I had trained, medical directorships at Valle Vista Hospital, Larue Carter Hospital, and Midtown Mental Health Center, and the teaching and mentoring of hundreds of medical students and dozens of psychiatric residents many of whom are now practicing alongside me as fellow psychiatrists.

Through all this, however, I have continued to be humbled by the devastation that psychiatric illness can bring upon one and upon one’s family. These are illnesses that play no favorites. One in four of all adults including physicians will sometime in the course of their life experience a major and diagnosable mental illness. And, whether we are the unfortunate one afflicted, or we are the family of one afflicted, we are all impacted by the dysfunction, social chaos, financial costs, and societal tragedy that such an illness can engender. It is for this reason that as the new president of the Indianapolis Medical Society I would propose that as IMS Members and as fellow physician colleagues we focus over the next twelve months on the mental health of our community. Accordingly, I have elected to forego the usual grand and customary inauguration and utilize the funds and energy that goes into such an event for service and benefit the IMS can provide for those less fortunate because of chronic mental illness. This is a theme I would encourage us to expand upon, as we already are with Project Health, and can do in so many other ways as well.

The IMS needs to emphasize not only quality and holistic care, but humanism, compassion, and readiness to serve the needs of all those for whom we were trained as physicians. I look forward to working with the leadership of the IMS and all IMS Members this year. I do want to hear from you! Call the IMS at 639-3406, visit us at meetings and help us grow!

Bio Sketch...

Jeffrey J. Kellams, MD, the 137th President of the IMS, is a Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Chief of Psychiatric Services and Staff Psychiatrist at Wishard Health Services, and is the Medical Director of Midtown Mental Health Center in Indianapolis.

Since 1972, Dr. Kellams has been a member of the Indiana University Department of Psychiatry and has participated in numerous clinical trials involving antidepressants, antipsychotics and mood stabilizers. He has co-authored numerous articles revolving around these trials and is a frequent speaker to professionals on various topics of psychopharmacology. At the present time in his role as Medical Director, he is involved in facilitating further research at the Midtown Mental Health Center and the education of medical students and psychiatry residents.

Dr. Kellams is a past president of the Indiana Psychiatric Society and is a member of the Society of Biological Psychiatry as well as a distinguished life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He has had an active role in the leadership of the Indianapolis Medical Society (Secretary/Treasurer 2007-2009, ISMA Alternate Delegate 2007-2010), beginning with his election to the Board of Directors in 2004.

Dr. Kellams is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis, earning his BA in Biology/Chemistry in 1967. His Doctorate of Medicine was completed at the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1971. He served his rotating internship at Ball Memorial Hospital and completed his psychiatry residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine, 1972-1975. In addition to his work at IU, Wishard and Midtown, Dr. Kellams is currently on the staff at Methodist Hospital (Clarian) and in the past has served at Larue Carter and Valle Vista Hospitals.

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Indiana University, 2010

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Resident – I.U. School of Medicine
Internal Medicine
American University of the Caribbean, Montserrat, 2009

Cox, Jeffrey A., MD
Resident – St. Vincent Hospital
Family Medicine
Indiana University, 2009

Cronin, Olivia H., MD
Resident – I.U. School of Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Loyola University, 2009

Dougherty Schaab, Bryony L., MD
Resident – St. Vincent Hospital
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Indiana University, 2010

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Resident – St. Vincent Hospital
Family Medicine
Indiana University, 2010

Fearnot-Kligerman, Annette C., MD
Resident – St. Vincent Hospital
Family Medicine
Wright State University, 2010

Harris, Kim S., MD
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Obstetrics & Gynecology
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Lewis, Max E., MD
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Nova Southeastern University,
Florida, 2005

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Joseph Daniel Phillips, MD
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Dr. Phillips was born in Goshen, Indiana on November 7, 1945. After graduating from Manchester College in 1967, he taught mathematics at Manchester High School for three years. He received a master’s degree from Western Michigan University in 1971 and his doctor of medicine degree from Indiana University in 1977. He completed his internship and residencies at Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Phillips was an outstanding athlete and avid sports fan. After high school, Dr. Phillips played both baseball and basketball at Manchester College. He was selected to play in the Indiana-Kentucky all-star game in 1967 and received the Rotary Sportsmanship Award. Dr. Phillips’ greatest pleasures were spending time with his family and visiting the family farm in Goshen, Indiana. He loved being outdoors, watching birds, working in the yard, and applying his talent for carpentry to various projects. Dr. Phillips also enjoyed playing golf, skiing, bowling, hiking, running, and traveling, as well as watching Colts and Pacers games.

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Attention IMS Members - Jeffrey J. Kellams Inaugural to be held during the October 5, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting at the IMS Headquarters.

In order to focus on his philosophy for the coming year, Dr. Kellams has decided to donate a portion of the funds allocated for the inaugural to charitable good works in the Indianapolis area.

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Indianapolis Medical Society Forms Strategic Partnership with iSALUS Healthcare to Provide Members with EMR Software Systems

iSALUS Healthcare, one of the country’s top web-based electronic medical records (EMR) and practice management software companies that serves small and medium sized physician practices, today announced a newly formed strategic partnership with the Indianapolis Medical Society (IMS). Through this exclusive endorsement, iSALUS will offer discounted electronic medical records (EMR) and practice management software subscriptions to more than 2,000 IMS members.

As part of the strategic partnership, iSALUS will offer Indianapolis Medical Society members a pre-negotiated discount for subscriptions to its entire suite of services. These include medical and office management software (billing, collections, scheduling, rounds, dictation, charge capture, automated workflow) and electronic medical records (electronic charting, lab interfaces, e-prescribing, automated letters, integrated faxing, and document management technology). In addition to software, iSALUS will also provide IMS members with localized training, technical support and customer service.

“iSALUS has been an associate member of the Indianapolis Medical Society since 2003,” commented Michael Hall, president and founder of iSALUS Healthcare. “We’re proud to contribute to the advancement of the medical industry and to IMS’ members’ success. Our EMR and practice management software is ideal for IMS’ membership base which is comprised of primarily small to mid-sized physician practices. Through this partnership we will be able to help members achieve meaningful use of electronic health records, as well as increase the efficiency of their practices and improve patient care.”

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Second Wednesday Medical Grand Rounds Medical Staff Conf. Room, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Community Hospital South
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Community Hospital North
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The Indiana Heart Hospital
Third Wednesday Ken Stanley CV Conference 7-8 a.m., rotate between TIHH and CHE
Every month Day varies Cath. Conference 7-8 a.m., TIHH MCV Boardroom
Community Conferences 2010
Community Hospital East:
First Tuesday Cancer Conference East (case presentations) Medical Staff Conf. Room, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday Cancer Registry Conf. Room, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Community Hospital North
Third Tuesday Cancer Conference North (case presentations) Reilly Board Room, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Third Friday Breast Conference North (site specific-breast) Reilly Board Room, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Fourth Wednesday Chest Conference North (site specific-lung) Reilly Board Room, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Community Hospital South
First Wednesday Breast Conference South (site specific-breast) Center for Women’s Health, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
Third Wednesday Cancer Conference South, (case presentations) President’s Board Room, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
North Cancer Pavilion
Third Wednesday Melanoma & Cutaneous Skin Cancer Tumor Conf. Pavilion Conf. Room, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Cancer Conferences 2010
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Please contact Suzanne Brown at 317-338-6211 or visit CardioFoundation.org or TheCareGroup.com for details.

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Sept. 1 Autism: Diagnostic Classification, Behavioral Intervention and Pharmacologic Management Clarian West Medical Center, Avon, Indiana
Sept. 3 Primary Care for Teens & Adults with Intellectual Disabilities IUPUI Campus Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
Sept. 10 7th Annual Cancer Update for the Non-Oncologist Windsor Park Conference Center Mishawaka, Indiana
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September
8  Senior/Inactive Luncheon Meeting, Noon, Society, “Climbing Denali,” Mr. Chris Betelak
16  50-Year Members Luncheon, Five Seasons, 11:30 a.m.
Members & Leadership to Honor 50-Year Physicians
21  Executive Committee, Society, 6:00 p.m., Sandwiches
24  ISMA Board of Trustees, 12:30 p.m., Downtown Hyatt
24-26  ISMA Convention, Downtown Hyatt

October
5  IMS Board/Inaugural, Society, 6:00 p.m., Members Social; 6:30 p.m., Dnr/Mtg for Board Members Only.
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Keeter D. Sechrist, MD is this month’s Project Health Physician. She was born in Frankfurt, Germany, where her father worked for General Motors. “Our nanny spoke only German so I learned enough to get by. I wish I had learned German while I was there. I took German in high school here and expected it to come flowing back, but it didn’t.”

Her family moved to Washington, DC, when she was 6. Then, her dad was transferred here to Indianapolis, and then eventually to North Carolina where she attended high school and stayed for college at the University of North Carolina, majoring in chemistry.

She knew as early as middle school that she wanted to be a doctor. She had two aunts who were nurses and an uncle who was a gynecologist. She says her uncle discouraged her, because he thought that women didn't belong in medicine since they would start and then drop out to get married and have children. He didn’t think a woman should take up a man’s slot. “My aunts, however, encouraged me because they wished they had gone to medical school. When they were in school, there were so few female doctors they decided on nursing instead,” says Dr. Sechrist.

She attended the Indiana University School of Medicine and then went on to an internship at Methodist Hospital in pediatrics, then completed a 4-year residency in dermatology at Indiana University. Her mentors were Arthur Norins, MD, head of Dermatology at the time and the late William B. (Joe) Moores, MD. “Both were outstanding clinicians and teachers. I originally thought pediatrics was good, but took a month of dermatology at the end of my senior year. It was a nice combination of surgery, medicine and pathology. I’m a visual person and dermatology is so visual.”

Dr. Sechrist married a Hoosier halfway through medical school and her husband was established here, so they stayed. She has a son who is in architecture and a daughter who just graduated from I.U. and is looking for a job. “It’s nice to have her home. She refers to me as her ‘roommate.’ We’re getting along pretty well, so far,” she said jokingly.

Dr. Sechrist is currently President of Outrun the Sun, a mission to educate people about melanoma and raise funds for research. “That takes a lot of my time,” she says. Her other hobby is running. “I am very slow, but I still do it.”

She says the reason she volunteers for Project Health is because there is such a great need in patients who really fall through the cracks. “I wish every county had a Project Health, because I see lots of people from other counties who don’t have insurance or the funds to get healthcare, especially now with the economy the way it is.”

“Project Health is great and I hope it continues,” she says. “I like the rules that the patients have to abide by. They show up and they seem to be very appreciative of whatever care we can give them. I get really frustrated by Medicaid patients who don’t show up, and don’t take care of themselves. Project Health patients are motivated, comply and are grateful. We all should feel some obligation to help these people. If everybody did a small part, it would help relieve some of the health issues for the poor.”

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