

what's happening

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National Lab Week coming April 9-15

Maine Medical Center's clinical laboratory professionals are joining more than 250,000 of their colleagues across the country next week, in celebrating National Medical Laboratory Week. Clinical laboratory professionals include medical technologists, laboratory technicians, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, histotechnicians, bioanalysts, clinical chemists, microbiologists, pathologists, and phlebotomists.

At MMC, the week will be observed with an exhibit in the main corridor, open houses for high school and college students, an open house Sunday, April 9, for those interested in pursuing or re-entering a laboratory career, and an open house for the general public, also on Sunday, April 9.

Legal affairs has important role

Maine Medical Center has its own mini "law firm". This is not surprising since most large businesses and corporations have a legal affairs office staffed with a general counsel. Though MMC is the only hospital in Maine with such an office, large hospitals all over the country employ at least one attorney who is concerned with their legal interests.

A general counsel is a designated attorney providing specialized legal knowledge not always available in outside law firms. In a teaching institution such as MMC, there is a greater need for services and access to a lawyer devoted

to the legal concerns of the hospital is important.

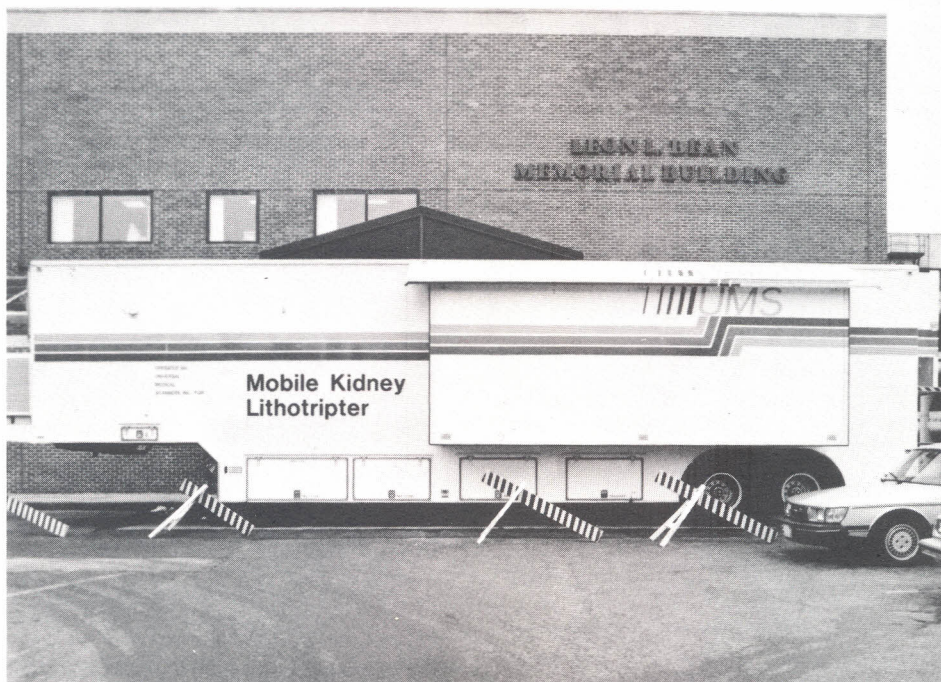
Donald Quigley, General Counsel, and Elisabeth Belmont, Assistant General Counsel, spend one-third of their time involved in specialty areas. The most obvious issues concern medical malpractice. Quigley and Belmont evaluate the claims and oversee the defense of them by outside attorneys. Most medical malpractice claims take one to three years to resolve.

A related area is quality assurance and risk management. The legal staff assist in the review and evaluation of claims they learn of through an incident reporting system. They assist medical and

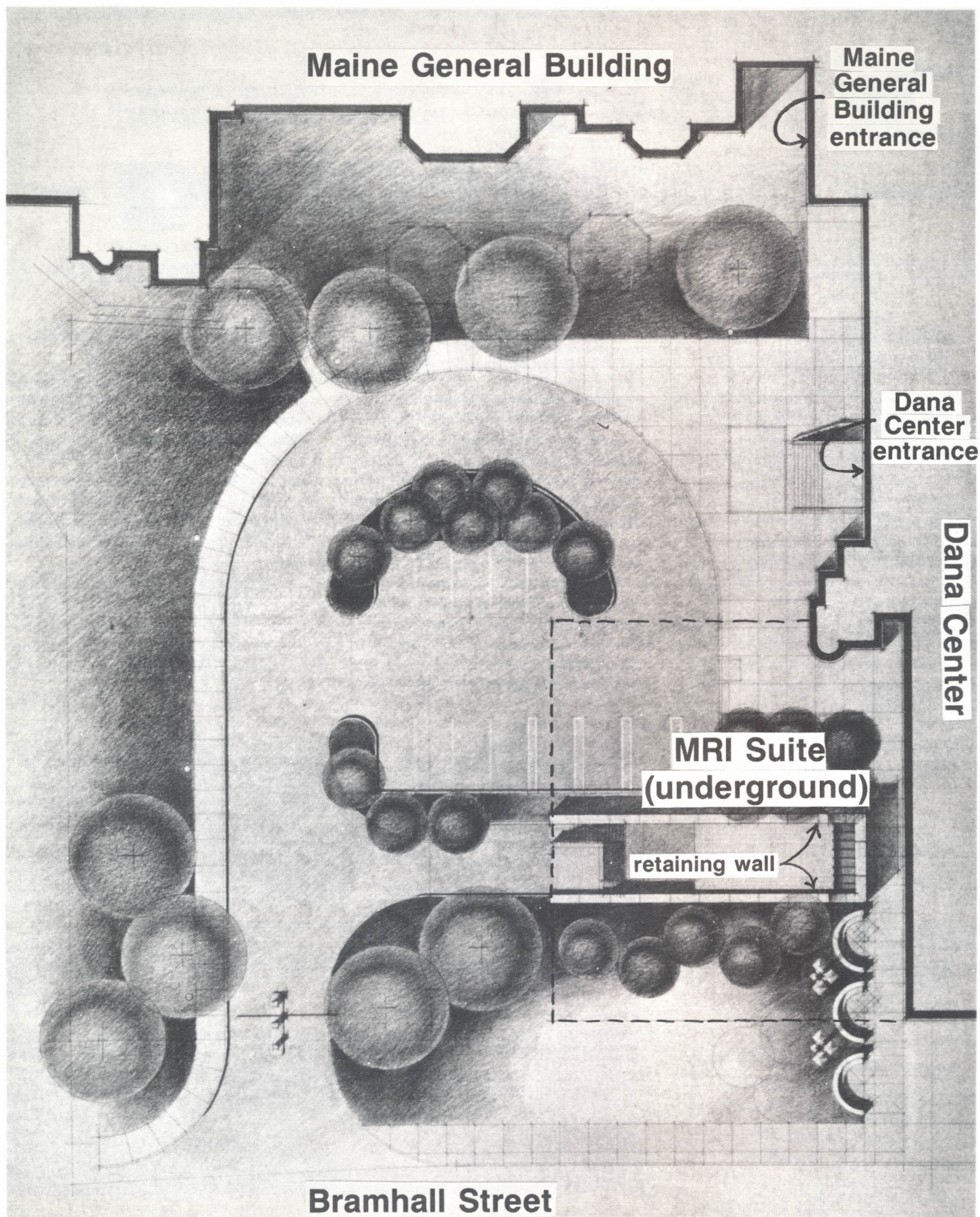
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CountDownUSASM
April 26, 1989
VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS OF AMERICA, INC.[®]

Maine Medical Center will join hundreds of other VHA hospitals across the country on April 26 by offering free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings. Our screening will take place at One City Center. Details next week...



LITHOTRIPSY CAME TO MAINE last month, as Maine Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital in Bangor became the first hospitals in the state to offer the newest in kidney stone treatment. The lithotripter pulverizes kidney stones with sound waves, in many cases eliminating the need for surgery and an inpatient hospital stay. The virtually pain-free procedure is being provided by a mobile machine that services Maine and New Hampshire. (A/V Photo).



THIS IS AN OVERHEAD VIEW of the final site plan for the new Magnetic Resonance Imaging addition at Maine Medical Center, taken from the architect's drawing. The MRI Suite will be totally underground, except for a four-foot retaining wall around mechanical apparatus on the surface. The \$5.8 million project is scheduled for completion in October of this year.

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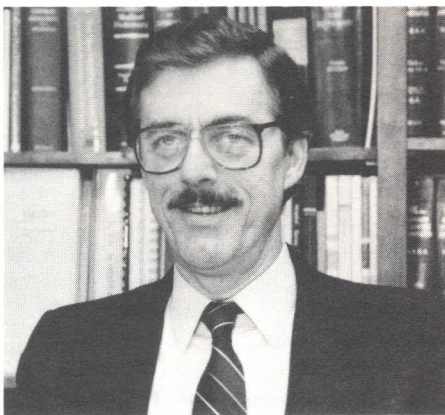
nursing staff in the review and development of protocols, policies, and guidelines that have an impact on minimizing the risk of claims. Quigley also aids senior medical personnel in the process of credentialing and peer review of medical staff. Any change in law forces changes in the provision of health care, and new methods must be developed so that care may be provided in accordance with new legal standards.

Much of the time, the office of Legal Affairs conducts the general practice of law just like any law firm. Legal services are provided for the hospital, usually for senior management, department heads, medical chiefs, nursing directors, and supervisors. Major projects have included MMC's corporate restructuring, proceedings before the Maine Health Care Finance Commission, and bond issues.

Less time-consuming routine activities may come from all levels of management: reviewing or drafting contracts, assisting Patient Accounts in the collection of claims, monitoring changes in the laws, and advising staff of those changes. Hospitals operate in a regulatory environment, and legal counsel must be aware of the regulatory issues that apply to their clients. Quigley is a resource for his client, MMC, providing advice and assistance on many legal fronts, including real estate and personnel.

A careful distinction must be drawn between giving advice to managers and making decisions for them. A general counsel guides and advises staff so that they can make good decisions: not every issue is a legal issue.

Prior to coming to MMC three years ago, Quigley practiced law for 18 years in a small firm in Presque Isle. He says that the day-to-day functioning of MMC's "law firm" is similar to that of most others. The biggest differences? He no longer has to account for every minute of his time on a time sheet as most lawyers do and he no longer has 25 to 50 phone calls a day. He used to feel "as though I had a phone growing out of my ear!"



DONALD E. QUIGLEY, ESQ.

Summer housing for student nurses needed

Students who will be taking part in the Student Nurse Employment Program will need temporary housing this summer. The program affords students an opportunity to learn about nursing at MMC while allowing them to earn a salary commensurate with their abilities. The student nurses will be able to interact with professional nurses while providing assistance to the nursing units during the summer months.

Affordable temporary housing convenient to MMC is necessary for these students. The opportunity to live for the summer with nursing staff eases the integration of the students into the program and into the community.

Staff who are interested in opening their homes to student nurses between May 15 and mid-August should contact the Nursing Recruitment Office, x2974.

National Library Week

April 10-14

Please join the
Library Staff at our
Open House

Wednesday, April 12

8:30 AM-10 AM

2:30 PM-4 PM

5th floor Pavilion

New Employees

HOUSEKEEPING: Stanley Densmore,
Barbara Johnson, April Johnson.

CENTRAL PROCESSING: Robin Bean.

LINEN PROCESSING: Dale Dalrymple.

NURSING: Carol Ann Poirier.

National Hospital Admitting Week April 4-10

This is a time to recognize the folks "up front," who are often the first employees our patients and their families see. Their work and particularly the way they go about it, leaves a lasting impression of Maine Medical Center.

Allied professions lecture series set

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine has established an ongoing lecture series designed to share the wealth of information available from non-physician healthcare professionals. This relatively untapped resource will provide the material and speakers for the bimonthly series.

The series begins Wednesday, April 12, during National Medical Laboratory Week, with "Laboratory Diagnosis and Comprehensive Care of Hemophilia," at 12:15 PM in the auditorium. The hour-long session will be presented by Mary A. Shaw, BS, MT(ASCP), Coagulation Supervisor in MMC's laboratories, Gail Cineeli, RN, BSN, Coordinator of the Maine Hemophilia Center, and Betty Stocks, RN, BSN, AIDS Coordinator, Maine Hemophilia Center. Barry Corriveau, M.Ed., MT(ASCP), Program Director for the MMC School of Medical Technology, will moderate.

Future lectures will include presentations from dietitians, pharmacists, nurses, laboratory professionals, pulmonary and respiratory therapists, radiologic technologists, and others. Anyone with suggestions or a desire to participate should contact Barry Corriveau at x 2440.

Risk Taking for Higher Performance

Monday, April 10	Tuesday, April 11
12 noon-12:30 PM	9:30 PM-10 PM
Classroom 1	Classroom 4

Innovative Thinking for Managers

Tuesdays, May 9-May 23

8:30 AM-11:30 AM

Susan Williams, Instructor

Enrollment limit: 12

CEU's: .9

Marketplace

FOR SALE: 1976 BMW, 2002, 80,000 original miles, garaged and well-maintained, clean, good condition. Runs very well. \$4,700. Call 767-3965, evenings.

FOR SALE: Nissan Pathfinder, loaded, power windows, A/C, security alarm system, 4 wheel drive, sun roof, must see. Take over payments. Call x2608 or 761-6976 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: 1988 Mazda 323 Hatchback, 2 door, 4 speed, white, AM/FM radio/cassette player. Great condition, must sell. \$5,800 or best offer. Call 883-2756.

FOR SALE: Moving-Whirlpool washer/dryer, like new, \$400, negotiable. Call 283-8552.

FOR SALE: Open House, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 1-4 PM, 6 Austin Place, Westbrook. Garrison style condo with 1½ baths, 2 BR, living and dining room, kitchen with appliances, deck, loft with 2 skylights, full basement. \$89,900 by owner. Call 854-5411.

FOR SALE: 1986 4 door, 4 cylinder Grand Am, maroon with cloth interior, AM/FM, A/C, new exhaust, mint condition, 88K highway miles, \$4,200 firm. Must sell, starting new business. Call 871-1052 (home), or 871-1599, leave message.

FOR SALE: AKC Registered cocker spaniels, 2 sets of shots, 2 wormings, vet certificate, health guarantee, 10 weeks old, "child tested-kid proof." 4 males, 1 female. Call 871-3408.

FOR SALE: Portland/Chevrus area, 6 room home by owner. 3 BR/bath. Living room, dining room, kitchen with woodstove and brick hearth. Walk-up attic. Detached 2 car garage and newly paved driveway. Basement income apartment with separate entrance has living room, 1 BR, bath and eat-in kitchen. \$135,000. Call 774-0854.

FOR SALE: 2 BR, 1.5 bath townhouse in Portland location. Modern, sunny, open floor plan with meadow views. 2 miles to MMC. \$87,500. Call 871-1460.

CHILDCARE: Mother of 2 is willing to care for newborns or toddlers, full or part time in my Saco home (just over the Scarborough line), call 283-1826.

CHILDCARE: Mother of one wants to provide loving care for your child in her home. 5 years experience. Reasonable rates. References available. Call 773-9676.

CHILDCARE: Will babysit in my South Portland home. 12 years experience, flexible hours, reasonable rates. Call 799-8649.

FOR RENT: 2 BR apartment, 1st floor, dining room, kitchen, living room and bath. \$500/mo. plus utils. and security deposit. Call 883-5748.

FOR RENT: 2 room office suite available in modern medical building off of I-295 near MMC. \$500/mo. includes all utils. except telephone. Call 774-5761.

FOR RENT: 1 BR apartment in Morrill's Corner area, modern, country-like setting in quiet neighborhood, W/W carpeting, garbage disposal, parking available, laundry close by, no pets, available 5/1/89. \$450/mo. plus utils., security deposit and lease. Call 797-0860.

FOR RENT: 2 BR townhouse style apartment near Morrill's Corner. Quiet neighborhood, W/W carpeting, garbage disposal, basement with W/D hook-up, parking, no pets. \$575/mo. plus utils., security deposit and lease. Available 5/1/89. Call 797-0860.

FOR RENT: Condo in Back Bay area, 3 BR, fully appliances. \$725/mo. plus utils., and security deposit. Call 774-8395.

FOR RENT: Biddeford, 3 BR ranch, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, \$775/mo. Call 282-2587 or 883-4375.

FOR RENT: 1 or 2 rooms for quiet responsible person, walking distance to MMC. Call 773-3346, leave message.

ROOMMATE WANTED: To share bright and homey 2 BR apartment. Good location off Forest Avenue. Off-street parking, yard. No pets, non-smoker. \$275/mo. plus ½ utils. Call 797-7306 between 5-8:30.

ROOMMATE WANTED: \$155/mo. plus utils., West End, no smoking. Call 775-6247.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Professional non-smoking female looking for same to share 2 BR condo. \$250/mo. plus ½ utils. Call 773-3500, leave message.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Female, preferably 2nd shift, to share luxury apartment in Scarborough, 5 minutes to Maine Mall, 10 minutes to MMC or beach, parking, utils., W/D, deck. \$50/wk. or \$200. Call 883-2368. Available after 6/1/89.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Non-smoker to share furnished Scarborough condo. Free parking, laundry, cable TV. \$350/mo., includes all utils. No pets. Call 883-3239.

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WANTED: Professional family of 4 desires summer residence in the Cape Elizabeth area July 22-30. Local references available. Call collect 507-388-8067.

WANTED: 3 BR apartment or house in South Portland for couple with no children, only an elderly parent. Please call 799-7929, leave message.

WANTED: Pianos to tune. Piano tuning by a professional with excellent references. Call 767-4770 from 7 AM-11 PM, keep trying.

WANTED: Homes to wallpaper or paint. Professionals with excellent references will wallpaper your rooms (\$75 for an average room, wall preparation extra), or paint (estimates given). Please call 774-9506, or 799-6208, leave message.

WANTED: Birthday parties. Let the "Clowning Around" clown take care of your child's birthday party while you relax and enjoy the fun. Includes set up, cake, balloons, games, favors, goody bags, paper products, and clean up. Call 929-6788 for information on our reasonable rates.

WANTED: Ride to MMC by 8 AM, willing to arrive earlier. Will pay weekly parking in Bramhall lot. Have big yellow lab guide dog. Live on Hicks Street. Call 797-5452 or 797-8187, leave message.

MISSING: Red, hardcover looseleaf notebook, 1"-1 1/2" thick. Cover reads: R4 Log. If found, please return to R4 or call Sue Morse, Head Nurse. Reward: eternal gratitude.

ROOMMATE WANTED: New country estate in Cumberland, 8 minutes to Portland. 8 BR, 5 bath, 3 kitchens, hot tub, maid service, cable. \$115/wk utils. included. References available and requested. Call 775-7154.

CHILDCARE: New child care home opening in the Deering Center area. We offer a preschool program, balanced meals, and lots of TLC. Ages 2½ - 5 years. Call 774-9416.

CHILDCARE: Near MMC and Maine Mall. Personal attention. Under 5 years preferred. 2 people in attendance to supervise children. Call 772-3102.

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