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SUMMARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY ANNUAL REPORT

Report of the activities of the Department of Surgery, U.C.L.A. School of Medicine, January 1, 1952 - May 15, 1953. The following report presented in semi-formal fashion includes a statement of the major activities of each of the Divisions of the Department as well as a statement of the Departmental's contribution as a whole to the School of Medicine.

Attached to the formal report is an appendix "A" which summarizes certain statistical data obtained from the members of the Department's faculty with respect to their teaching and investigative and other scholarly activities.

Appendix "B" lists the non-academic personnel of the Department. The "working staff" which carries the non-professional load.

By virtue of its nature as a report, which is presented at the Annual Departmental meeting the pages which follow are in fact a summary in brief and in no way include a comprehensive presentation of the Department's contributions.

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at the Wadsworth VA Hospital.

4. Studies upon the anatomy of the lymphatics of the large bowel by vital staining methods during surgery has been carried out at the Long Beach VA Hospital.

5. Further studies at this latter hospital include a continuation of studies upon tuberculous psoas abscess and the problems of tuberculous and non-tuberculous pleural empyema.

6. Studies upon the resection of small pulmonary lesions in conjunction with the use of chemotherapy has proceeded at this hospital.

The investigation of radioisotope applications to surgical problems has proceeded in both the major hospitals. Studies upon the use of phosphorus 32 in the treatment of bronchogenic carcinoma has proceeded in the Long Beach VA Hospital, and the clinical application of the use of radioisotopes for the diagnosis of diseases of the liver, gall bladder and biliary tract has proceeded in the laboratories of the Wadsworth VA Hospital.

A continuation of interest in the basic problems of tissue transplantation has proceeded under Drs. Cannon and Weber's close supervision. The studies include observations upon the various phases of tissue homo-transplantation with particular reference to the factors which influence the survival of such grafts

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Division of Urology: The Division of Urology, with Dr. Willard E.

Goodwin as chief, includes 2 full time faculty members and 19 members of the clinical faculty. The graduate training program in the Division of Urology has proceeded with enthusiasm. At the present time specialty board approval in Urology is granted for 3 years at each of the 3 teaching hospitals - the Long Beach VA Hospital, The Wadsworth Veterans Adm. Hospital and the Harbor General Hospital. A 4 year residency program is outlined following the year of internship and year of general surgical training. This program includes the utilization primarily of the Harbor General Hospital and the Wadsworth VA Hospital and the contemplated University Hospital. Close liaison with the Long Beach VA Hospital is maintained. Investigative problems in the various fields of urological and general surgical science have proceeded under the direction of members of this Division. These include the following:

1. Studies in prostatic cancer diagnosis by the use of smear studies and needle biopsies.
2. Studies of the pathology of prostatic cancer.
3. Investigations of the use of radio-isotopes in the problem of carcinoma of the prostate with particular reference to the injection of radioactive phosphorus by way of suprapubic exposure and the treatment of carcinoma of the

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5. The production of experimental hydrocephalus with an attempt to elucidate the problem of extra-ventricular appearance of radioactive ions.

6. Studies upon methods to control increased intracranial pressure by the use of one molar sodium lactate solutions.

7. Studies upon the localization of brain tumors by the use of radioactive tracer elements and upon the development of a form of experimental myelography by the use of radio-active materials. The division has been pleased to have had associated with it Dr. Eric Yulh who has held A U.S. Public Health Fellowship during this last year.

Division of orthopedic surgery. This Division with Dr. Paul McMaster as chief consists of 4 members of the clinical faculty. The graduate training program in Orthopedic Surgery is in its developmental period and includes, at the present time, specialty board approval at Long Beach VA Hospital for two years and at the Wadsworth VA Hospital for 3 years. There is no approval at the Harbor General Hospital at this time. Researches are in progress in the study of the pathogenesis of delayed and non-union of fractures with particular reference to fractures of the tibia. Further studies are proceeding in the general field of bone physiology through the utilization of radio-active elements in conjunction with the A.E.C.

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Graduate training in otorhinolaryngology is approved for 3 years at the Long Beach VA Hospital and for 3 years at the Wadsworth VA Hospital. There is no approval at the Harbor General Hospital.

1. Investigations in this division have included studies upon the effect of tonsillectomy and gamma globulin upon poliomyelitis in experimental animals.
2. Studies of the use of nasal implants.
3. The development of methods to avoid laryngectomy.
4. Studies upon tracheal resection through the aid of a grant of the U.S. Public Health Service.
5. Studies upon the application of chromic phosphate solution in external tumors (in conjunction with the radio-isotope unit of the Wadsworth VA Hospital).
6. Studies of bilateral hearing and the localization of sound.

The Division of Anesthesiology: This division includes 4 clinical faculty members. The graduate training program of the Wadsworth VA Hospital has received specialty board approval for 2 years. There is no approval at the Long Beach VA Hospital or the Harbor General Hospital.

The members of the division have engaged in certain investigative problems:

1. Certain studies in problems relating to the determination of plasma volumes by dye methods have been carried out in conjunction with Dr. Lewis