

EDITORIAL

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HACETTEPE MEDICAL CENTER

The establishment of Ankara University's new Hacettepe Medical Center is the most recent significant development within the University. The nucleus of the new Medical Center is the Research Institute of Child Health, which now joins with Hacettepe Children's Hospital to form a new organization with the following executive structure :

The governing bodies are :

- A. a president, assisted by a secretary general and a registrar,
- B. an executive committee, and,
- C. an assembly, consisting of the full - time senior members of the various departments of the Medical Center.

This reorganization was the inevitable result of the extensive development which has taken place at Hacettepe in clinical fields such as general surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, anesthesiology and psychiatry and in laboratory fields such as biochemistry, pathology and microbiology. Formerly these important divisions were merely sections of Hacettepe Children's Hospital. Now they have been officially recognized as full - fledged departments enjoying the possibility of further expansion and development.

The educational program of the Medical Center will include :

1. a postgraduate medical education program closely corresponding to that of a graduate school of medicine,
2. dental medicine,
3. a postgraduate program in library sciences and medical recording,
4. a School of Nursing, open to senior high school graduates and offering a university diploma in nursing,
5. a School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation,
6. a School of Medical Technology, and
7. a School of Dietetics.

Entrance requirements for all the undergraduate schools are the same as those for the School of Nursing. Upon successful completion of eight semesters, students will receive university degrees from their respective schools.

At present, Hacettepe Medical Center has no undergraduate training program in medicine. However, Hacettepe Children's Hospital, an integral part of the new organization, offers undergraduate training in pediatrics to the students of Ankara University Faculty of Medicine thus ensuring a close relationship between the two medical centers of the University.

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