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Reminder for the Third Annual SHEA Meeting in Chicago

The meeting will be held from Sunday, April 18, to Tuesday, April 20, 1993. The deadline for receipt of abstracts has passed, but March 5, 1993, is the deadline for "Late Breaker" abstracts on recent investigations or studies of national importance. The deadline for discounted Palmer House

reservations for the SHEA Meeting is March 17, 1993. The hotel's reservation phone number is (312) 7267500 or Hilton Reservations at 1-800-445-8667. The deadline for advance registration for the meeting at early-bird rates is March 26, 1993. Additional registration material or

abstract forms can be obtained by calling the SHEA Meetings Department at (609) 8451720 or faxing to (609) 853-0411. The March issue of the SHEA Newsletter will have final details about the Annual Meeting.

Practice Parameters Update, American Hospital Association

The Division of Quality Resources of the American Hospital Association (AHA) continues to publish handbooks describing clinical practice guidelines. The latest handbook, *Clinical Practice Guidelines Strategies, Putting Guidelines Into Practice*, published in September 1992, describes the various terms (practice parameters, practice policies, algorithms, and protocols) and discusses the patient-care decision support

tools referred to as critical paths. The latter specify appropriate nursing and ancillary services for patients on a day-to-day basis. The clinical practice guidelines are designed to reduce variation in clinical practice, and it is likely that they will play an increasingly important role in the quality improvement movement described by Bill Scheckler in the November 1992 issue of *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*.

Job Market, Augusta VAMC

The Augusta VAMC, a Dean's committee medical center physically attached to the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Hospital, is recruiting for a hospital epidemiologist. The Augusta VAMC is a two division, 1,033 bed facility. Three infection control practitioners, one secretary and one program clerk (data entry) are employed full time. There is an active open-heart program, advanced cancer chemotherapy, specialized HIV-AIDS clinic and an active internal medicine residency program with MCG. The VA's medicine teaching

program, Infectious Disease Division and related services are fully integrated with those of MCG. There is ample high quality research space. It is anticipated that successful applicants will be eligible for appropriate academic appointments within the Department of Medicine at the MCG. Mixed (VAMC and MCG) appointments are available.

The Department of Medicine at MCG recently was invigorated

by a new chair, Dr. John Hardin, who was recruited from Yale. Twenty new faculty are being recruited. A major commitment to outpatient teaching (new \$40 million ambulatory care center); research (\$20 million building beginning in 1993); and general internal medicine (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant) attest to an important institutional renewal.

Both the VAMC, Augusta and

the MCG are equal opportunity employers and solicit letters of interest with references. Additional information is available from Dr. J. Peter Rissing, Chief, Infectious Disease Section. Letters of interest should be sent to Dr. Rissing at Veterans Administration Medical Center, 1 Freedom Way (IllG), Augusta, GA 309046285.

Fellowship in Hospital Epidemiology

Applications are being accepted for a Fellowship in Hospital Epidemiology at the College of Medicine, University of Tennessee, Memphis, for July 1, 1993. The program includes training in biostatistics, hospital epidemiology, infection control, outbreak investigation, use of computers in hospital epidemiology, and hospital epidemiology research. Fellows will conduct one or two prospective epidemiologic studies

during the Fellowship. Funds are provided for books, journals, and travel to scientific meetings. Candidates should hold an MD degree and have at least three years of postgraduate training in a medical specialty. For more

information about the Fellowship, write to C. Glen Mayhall, MD; Division of Infectious Diseases; University of Tennessee, Memphis; 956 Court Avenue, Room H308; Memphis, TN 38163; or call (901) 5285730.

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