

Editorial

THE ROLE OF THE FRANK E. BUNTS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Because the postgraduate educational activities of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation are conducted under the name of The Frank E. Bunts Educational Institute, misunderstandings have arisen as to the relationship of the two organizations. It is hoped that these paragraphs will clarify this relationship.

After the death of Dr. Bunts, his family and friends and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation made funds available to found and maintain an organization of postgraduate medical training which was to be integrated with and staffed by the clinical and research divisions of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. The Frank E. Bunts Educational Institute was incorporated in 1935 under Ohio laws as a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to conduct postgraduate medical education, not only among the Fellows in training at the Cleveland Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic Hospital but also in the community of Greater Cleveland and in the country as a whole.

On July 1, 1950 120 physicians were enrolled in the fellowship training program of the Bunts Institute. Before acceptance they had all completed their internships and many had had one or more years of residency training before coming to the Cleveland Clinic. Almost all of these physicians were training for certification by the various specialty boards, including those of Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, Urology, Neurosurgery, Radiology, Otolaryngology, Anesthesiology, Pathology, Neuropsychiatry, Ophthalmology, and Physical Medicine. The courses include not only clinical training but also instruction in basic sciences, a variety of clinical conferences and seminars, and practical demonstrations including dissection of cadavers and training in pathology as detailed in the Bulletin of the Bunts Institute.

Other functions of the Bunts Institute include bringing to the medical community of Cleveland a series of lectures by outstanding physicians or scientists, and presenting a series of three-day courses in various medical or surgical subjects. These courses are announced in the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly* and are open to any graduate of an approved medical school. The last two courses have been attended by physicians from twelve states.

The Bunts Institute cooperates closely with the Editorial Department of the Cleveland Clinic in the preparation of manuscripts for publication in national and international journals, and in the writing of pertinent articles for the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly*, thus aiding in the prompt dissemination of medical knowledge.

In summary, the Bunts Educational Institute is concerned exclusively with postgraduate medical education from the level of the intern to that of the established practicing physician. Its training program is available to qualified physicians, its lectures and postgraduate courses are open to physicians who express a desire to participate, and its Bulletin and publications are obtainable upon request.

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