

DISEASE CLASSIFICATION

To the Editor:

Commencing in 1969 the International Classification of Diseases, Adapted (ICDA) will be used as the basis of Canadian mortality and morbidity statistics.

The adaptation, prepared by the United States Public Health Service, is identical for most of its contents with the 8th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). It differs only in providing finer breakdowns of certain disease categories and in including a classification of surgical operations, diagnostic and other therapeutic procedures.

In addition to statistical applications the ICDA is expected to be used by most Canadian hospitals for indexing medical records according to diagnosis. The use of a single, all-purpose classification by hospitals, case registries and other health agencies should permit fuller integration of statistical data than has been possible in the past.

Volume 1 of the ICDA, containing the tabular list of diseases and operations, may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at \$3.25 (U.S. funds). Volume 2, containing an alphabetical index, is expected to become available by May or June.

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LETTER FROM ZARIA

To the Editor:

The Institute of Health, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria, requires Consultants, who will be given appropriate academic appointments from Lecturer to Professor, according to their qualifications, in:

General Surgery	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Urology	Anesthesia
Orthopedics	Ophthalmology
Internal Medicine (general and tuberculosis)	Otolaryngology
Psychiatry	Radiology
Community Medicine (Public Health)	Pathology (Morbid Anatomy, Chemical Pathology, Hematology, Microbiology)
Pediatrics	Dental Surgery

Senior Registrars, Registrars or Senior House Officers will also be required in the same departments.

Salaries for Consultants are based on the university scale, and vary from £1800 to £3000 per year with clinical supplements of £400.

Salaries for Senior Registrars, Registrars and House Officers will be according to the Teaching Hospital scale: Senior Registrar, £1776 to £1980; Registrar, £1452 to £1512; and Senior House Officer, £1392.

Information about passages, allowances, gratuities, etc., may be obtained on application.

Applications, accompanied by a curriculum vitae and references, should be sent to: The Registrar, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

The hospitals will be ready for clinical teaching in January 1969. The organization of the Institute of Health has surmounted all the administrative hurdles, and on April 1, 1968, it will officially take over the teaching hospitals in Kaduna, Zaria and Kano.

The estimated budget for capital and maintenance expenses for the next four years has been accepted. Renovation of the Zaria hospital has already begun and a grant of £100,000 for this work has been made. This is encouraging and it follows the familiar pattern of organization and finance leading to the all-important problem of recruitment of personnel. Staff and facilities are even harder to come by in Northern Nigeria than they are in Canada. If the new school at Ahmadu Bello is to take its place with the established faculties at Ibadan and Lagos, its need for teachers in all fields of medicine must be met.

The population explosion in Nigeria outpaces the ability of the universities to produce enough well-trained physicians to meet a doctor-population ratio of even 1:5000. This has led many developing countries to augment their health personnel by training medical auxiliaries, medical assistants, medical aides, dispensary attendants, "feldschers" or whatever one chooses to call them. Nigeria proposes to train these auxiliaries as well, with the essential difference that field clinics and outpost hospitals in which they will be incorporated into the teaching unit of the medical school. It is hoped that direct supervision will indeed make these auxiliaries true extensions of the doctor's ability to render service of high quality to more people.

The appointments open in the Institute of Health, Ahmadu Bello University, offer wide scope for Canadian teachers who might be disposed to help.

We are still enjoying good weather, good health and many good friends.

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CORRECTION: DETECTION OF
PRIMARY HYPERPARATHYROIDISM

In the article "Detection of Primary Hyperparathyroidism, with Special Reference to its Occurrence in Hypercalciuric Females with Normal or Borderline Serum Calcium", by E. R. Yendt and R. J. A. Gagné, published in the issue of February 17 (*Canad. Med. Ass. J.*, 98: 331, 1968), there were errors on page 332. "Serum plasma" should have read "serum phosphorus" in Table III; in the first sentence under the heading "Results and Discussion"; and in Table IV.