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# Young Doctors! The Smaller Communities Need You!

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The Editor's Comment: The Catholic Hospital Association receives many requests for help to augment the medical staffs of member hospitals. Interest in this vital need on the part of Dr. James E. Bowes, a young Catholic obstetric-gynecologist engaged in practice in Salt Lake City, Utah, resulted in a most intensive survey of the field. THE PRACTICE QUARTERLY publishes here the results of Dr. Bowes' efforts to conduct the study after contacting the 850 Catholic hospitals in the United States. Needs are grouped according to general practice and the specialties.

In the April 1957 issue of *Medical Economics* an article appeared, entitled "How I Found the Ideal Place to Practice" (pp. 158-165, 323-326). It was an account of Dr. Bowes' search for the best possible location for his needs. The study brought to light the fact that every year an estimated 17,000 doctors change locations (cf. *Medical Economics*, November, 1953). In appraising cities and climate and population to help make the decision which was vital not only to himself but also to his growing family, Dr. Bowes finally chose Salt Lake City as ideal for his purposes. It is his hope that his thorough consideration of many areas before finally deciding, may, with the publishing of the survey results, be incentive for other physicians to do likewise and give thought to areas that would welcome energetic Catholic doctors to practice medicine.

The Catholic Hospital Association expresses deep gratitude to Dr. Bowes for the many hours he must have taken from his work for the project. Hopeful, too, that among our physician readers there may be some who would be interested in establishing practice and assisting on the staffs of Catholic hospitals in the locations listed, we urge further inquiries. Kindly address:

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Names of the hospitals and other details will be furnished.

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Each year more than 6,000 young men and women graduate from medical schools and as many finish residency programs. Both groups have important decisions to make: Shall I become a general practitioner or shall I specialize? Where should I locate?

Recently a survey was conducted of the physician needs in the 850 Catholic hospitals throughout America. Only towns of less than one million population were considered. Some 493 hospitals, representing 466 communities returned the questionnaire. We have gathered the following information from them to pass on to those doctors who will either establish an office or who desire to relocate.

The chief aim of the inquiry was to discover the greatest needs the hospitals had in the various specialties. The hospital administrators were also asked the number of specialists already on their staffs and what proportion were Catholic. The responses were enlightening.

There were 66 communities needing obstetricians-gynecologists; 60 require surgeons; 57 psychiatrists; 47 internists; 44 pediatricians; 30 generalists; 27 urolo-

gists; 14 orthopedists; and 18 DENT specialists. Trained men were needed in the sub-specialties of eye, neurosurgery, neurology, pathology, anesthesiology and dermatology. Various cities had special need for a plastic surgeon, proctologist, chest surgeon or qualified men in the newer fields of rehabilitation, clinical research, and physical medicine.

A geographic distribution of hospitals found almost 50% located in the twelve north central states. This same area requested 64% of the surgeons needed in this survey. More than one-half of the psychiatrists are needed in the northeastern quarter of the country. Obstetricians are in great demand in the west north central states, as are pediatricians, internists, urologists and general practitioners. The west north central states have the greatest demand for specialists, while they are in least demand in the east south central, south Atlantic and New England states. These areas prefer general practitioners.

Choosing a location for individual requirements precludes following a set pattern. But the doctor's primary objective should be to find the city where he and his family want to live for the rest of their lives. It should offer educational, cultural and recreational advantages. Look into them in that order.

The young specialist just out of residency need not fear the thought of opening an office. He should not despair at the idea of moving away from the crowded million population area. And the young medical graduate who seeks general practice will find an open field and a fast growing business. The Catholic intern considering a speciality might refer to the following lists to guide him in his choice. Two of the three greatest specialty needs touch the medico-moral field. Psychiatry and obstetrics-gynecology are excellent fields for young Catholic doctors who have the courage to use their medical talents in Catholic Action.

## OBSTETRICS — GYNECOLOGY

Alabama, Mobile  
Montgomery  
Arkansas, Morrilton  
California, Bakersfield  
Colorado, Durango  
Illinois, Highland  
Rockford  
East Chicago  
Indiana, Gary  
Hammond  
Iowa, Burlington  
Iowa City  
Sioux City  
Kentucky, Louisville  
Louisiana, Thibodaux  
Maine, Waterville  
Minnesota, Little Falls  
Missouri, Boonville  
Jefferson City  
Monett  
Montana, Butte  
Helena  
New Jersey, Paterson  
North Dakota, Grand Forks  
Ohio, Dayton  
Oklahoma, Oklahoma City  
Oregon, Portland  
Roseburg  
Pennsylvania, Johnstown  
South Dakota, Mitchell  
Sioux Falls  
Tennessee, Knoxville  
Texas, Liberty  
Utah, Salt Lake City  
Washington, Aberdeen  
Pasco  
Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
Racine

## OBSTETRICS

California, Inglewood  
Colorado, Pueblo  
Sterling  
Florida, Pensacola  
Idaho, Cottonwood  
Nampa  
Indiana, Evansville  
Fort Wayne  
Terre Haute  
Iowa, Carroll  
Des Moines  
Fort Dodge  
Mason City  
Waverly  
Kansas, Leavenworth  
Manhattan  
Louisiana, Opelousas  
Michigan, Hancock  
Mississippi, Vicksburg

Missouri, Washington  
Montana, Anaconda  
Nebraska, Atkinson  
New York, Utica  
Ohio, Kent  
Steubenville  
Oklahoma, Ponca City  
Texas, San Antonio

## GYNECOLOGY

Virginia, Norton

## SURGERY

Alabama, Ensley  
Arkansas, Texarkana  
Colorado, Cheyenne Wells  
Florida, Miami Beach  
Georgia, Athens  
Illinois, Centralia  
Mt. Vernon  
Murphysboro  
Indiana, Batesville  
Garrett  
Iowa, Algona  
LeMars  
Kansas, Fort Scott  
Manhattan  
Wichita  
Louisiana, Lake Providence  
Opelousas  
Tallula  
Maine, Eagle Lake  
Michigan, Hancock  
Tawas City  
Minnesota, Alexandria  
Graceville  
Mankato  
Moorhead  
Parkers Prairie  
Perham  
Red Lake Falls  
Montana, Lewiston  
Polson  
St. Ignatius  
Washington  
Nebraska, Atkinson  
Columbus  
Lynch  
O'Neill  
West Point  
New York, Binghamton  
North Dakota, Cando  
Drayton  
Hankinson  
Harvey  
Linton  
Ohio, Steubenville  
South Carolina, Dillon  
York  
South Dakota, Aberdeen  
Deadwood  
Hot Springs

Texas, Abilene  
 Jourdanon  
 Mineral Wells  
 Slaton  
 Wellington  
 Washington, Tonasket  
 Wisconsin, Antigo  
 Baraboo  
 Columbus  
 West Bend

#### PSYCHIATRY

California, Fullerton  
 Long Beach  
 Lynwood  
 Santa Rosa  
 Colorado, Pueblo  
 Connecticut, New Haven  
 Georgia, Columbus  
 Illinois, Chicago Heights  
 DeKalb  
 Joliet  
 Rock Island  
 Indiana, Dyer  
 Fort Wayne  
 Iowa, Waterloo  
 Kentucky, Louisville  
 Louisiana, Lake Charles  
 Massachusetts, Lowell  
 Pittsfield  
 Springfield  
 Michigan, Bay City  
 Dearborn  
 Hamtramck  
 Hamtramck  
 Menominee  
 Minnesota, Duluth  
 Mankato  
 Mississippi, Jackson  
 Missouri, St. Joseph  
 Montana, Billings  
 New Jersey, Passaic  
 Trenton  
 New York, Buffalo  
 Elmira  
 Harrison  
 Hornell  
 Niagara Falls  
 Olean  
 Watertown  
 North Carolina, Charlotte  
 North Dakota, Bismarck  
 Grand Forks  
 Minot  
 Ohio, Lima  
 Youngstown  
 Oklahoma, Enid  
 Ponca City  
 Oregon, Medford  
 South Dakota, Tyndall  
 Texas, Austin  
 Denison  
 Houston  
 Port Arthur

Vermont, Winooski  
 Washington, Chehalis  
 Yakima  
 West Virginia, Parkersburg  
 Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
 Racine

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Arkansas, Little Rock  
 California, Eureka  
 Long Beach  
 Florida, Miami Beach  
 West Palm Beach  
 Illinois, Cairo  
 Murphysboro  
 Indiana, New Albany  
 Iowa, Centerville  
 Dubuque  
 New Hampton  
 Kansas, Independence  
 Wichita  
 Kentucky, Lynch  
 Massachusetts, Gloucester  
 Michigan, Grand Rapids  
 Mt. Clemens  
 Minnesota, Breckenridge  
 Graceville  
 Little Falls  
 Moorhead  
 Missouri, Kansas City  
 St. Charles  
 Washington  
 New Hampshire, Manchester  
 Nebraska, Lincoln  
 Loup City  
 Neligh  
 North Platte  
 New Jersey, New Brunswick  
 Newark  
 New York, Rochester  
 Woodhaven  
 North Carolina, Knoll  
 North Dakota, Devils Lake  
 Dickinson  
 Ohio, Steubenville  
 Youngstown  
 Oregon, Astoria  
 Medford  
 Pennsylvania, Meadville  
 New Castle  
 South Dakota, Gregory  
 Mitchell  
 Parkston  
 Texas, Brownsville  
 Washington, Seattle

#### PEDIATRICS

Alaska, Anchorage  
 Arizona, Tucson  
 California, Apple Valley  
 Idaho, Pocatello  
 Illinois, Cairo  
 LaSalle

Indiana, Garrett  
 Iowa, Burlington  
 Carroll  
 Des Moines  
 Fort Madison  
 Mason City

Kansas, Concordia  
 Hays  
 Wichita

Kentucky, Bardstown  
 Louisiana, Houma  
 Maine, Fort Kent  
 Massachusetts, Lowell  
 Michigan, Grand Rapids  
 Minnesota, Breckenridge  
 Hastings  
 Little Falls  
 St. Cloud

Missouri, Jefferson City  
 St. Charles

Montana, Anaconda  
 New Mexico, Carlsbad  
 Las Vegas

Nebraska, Alliance  
 New Jersey, Trenton  
 North Dakota, Minot  
 Valley City

Ohio, Kent  
 Steubenville  
 Youngstown

Oregon, Portland  
 South Dakota, Aberdeen  
 Huron  
 Mitchell

Texas, Brownsville  
 Paris  
 Wisconsin, Baraboo  
 Port Washington

#### GENERAL PRACTICE

California, Hanford  
 Colorado, Lamar  
 Leadville  
 Illinois, Granite City  
 Red Bud  
 Rockford  
 Rock Island  
 Iowa, Burlington  
 Kansas, Fredonia  
 Marion  
 Kentucky, London  
 Lynch  
 Maine, Eagle Lake  
 Maryland, Cumberland  
 Michigan, Wakefield  
 Minnesota, Crosby

New Prague  
 Siskiy Centre  
 Missouri, Jefferson City  
 Maryville  
 Mountain View  
 Montana, Havre  
 New Mexico, Carlsbad

Nebraska, Nebraska City  
 West Point  
 North Dakota, Bottineau  
 Richardson  
 Pennsylvania, Mifflin  
 South Dakota, Garysburg  
 Murfreesboro  
 Pierre

Texas, Brownsville  
 Jourdanon  
 Yorktown

Utah, Salt Lake City  
 Washington, Port Townsend  
 Wisconsin, New London  
 Tomahawk  
 Columbus

#### UROLOGY

Colorado, Sterling  
 Idaho, Boise  
 Illinois, Chicago Heights  
 Pana  
 Indiana, Gary  
 Iowa, Burlington  
 Estherville  
 Fort Madison  
 Louisiana, Houma  
 Opelousas  
 Michigan, Marquette  
 Monroe  
 Minnesota, New Ulm  
 Missouri, Ironton  
 Nebraska, Alliance  
 New Jersey, Passaic  
 North Dakota, Bismarck  
 Grand Forks

Oklahoma, Enid  
 Oregon, Coos Bay  
 Pennsylvania, Johnstown  
 South Dakota, Yankton  
 Virginia, Norton  
 West Virginia, Morgantown  
 Wisconsin, Port Washington  
 Wausau

#### NEURO-SURGERY

Colorado, Colorado Springs  
 Indiana, Evansville  
 Maine, Portland  
 Massachusetts, Springfield  
 Missouri, Cape Girardeau  
 New York, Portsmouth  
 Syracuse

#### NEUROLOGY

California, Fullerton  
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 Montana, Helena  
 New York, Albana  
**ORTHOPEDICS**  
 Colorado, Sterling  
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Idaho, Nampa  
Illinois, Chicago Heights  
De Kalb

Indiana, Gary  
Iowa, Centerville  
Kentucky, London  
Maine, Lewiston  
New Mexico, Santa Fe  
New York, Olean  
Oregon, Astoria  
West Virginia, Morgantown

#### **EYE — EAR — NOSE — THROAT**

Indiana, Jasper  
Iowa, Centerville  
Estherville  
Louisiana, Houma  
Monroe  
Massachusetts, Montague City  
Minnesota, Park Rapids  
North Carolina, New Bern  
Ohio, Lima  
Tiffin  
Wisconsin, Merrill

#### **EAR, NOSE AND THROAT**

Florida, Jacksonville  
Illinois, Quincy  
Kansas, Kansas City  
New York, Rockville Centre  
Ohio, Sandusky  
Wisconsin, La Crosse  
South Dakota, Sioux Falls

#### **EYE**

Indiana, Jasper  
Missouri, Jefferson City  
New Mexico, Santa Fe  
West Virginia, Huntington

#### **PATHOLOGY**

Kansas, Hays  
Maine, Waterville  
North Dakota, Grand Forks  
Ohio, Dayton  
Texas, Denison

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