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## CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER No. 98

### TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear Doctor,

#### **"CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION"**

Thousands of people die each year who might have been saved by intelligent first aid measures carried out immediately.

Cessation of circulation lasting longer than 3 to 5 minutes causes irreversible brain damage. The concept of "the heart too good to die" should stimulate people to learn what to do in an emergency, when only immediate action by someone who happens to be there, can save life.

This booklet, sponsored by the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists, is addressed to doctors and paramedical instructors. Copies are being sent to all recipients of Clinical Services Letters. Limited supplies are also available for issue, on request, to appropriate paramedical personnel. (See note on "Who Should be Taught", page 37.) Applications may be addressed to this office.

#### **WRITING OF PRESCRIPTIONS**

Some doctors do not include the patient's address on a prescription, and in many instances the name and address is not clearly written.

Now that patients are no longer required to sign prescriptions on the back it is more than ever important that these particulars should be shown *clearly* on all prescriptions. Incidentally, the Poisons Regulations require that the patient's address be shown on prescriptions for the majority of drugs.

#### **PRESCRIPTIONS FOR HOSPITAL BOARD DRUGS**

Much confusion and inconvenience for patients would be avoided if prescriptions for drugs restricted to hospital board supply were not written on the same form as those for preparations obtainable from a retail pharmacist.

Yours faithfully,



(A. W. S. Thompson)

Director Division of Clinical Services.

## MEDICAL PRACTICE VACANT

Waiouru: army community plus township make up a local population of 2,500-3,000.

Very low rental house and surgery combined, no goodwill required.

Compact practice. Mutual arrangements regarding leave, etc., may be made with army doctors. This is a designated rural area, attracting the rural practice bonus and other incentives.

Adjacent to cottage hospital (maternity), half a mile from camp hospital. (Waiouru is the largest army camp in New Zealand.) Eighteen miles from Taihape, 40 miles from Lake Taupo. Trout fishing, deer stalking; excellent golf course half a mile from surgery.

Local primary school of more than 700 children, college at Ohakune, 18 miles. Shopping centre, including dispensing chemist, half a mile from surgery.

Further information: Waiouru Businessmen's Association, P.O. Box 9, Waiouru.