



Hospital Beds in the United States, 1951

Under the provisions of the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, each State prepares and submits for approval to the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service a State plan for hospital and health facility construction. The first such State plan was approved in July 1947. Since that time there has been an increase of 141,958 acceptable hospital beds, 77,000 of which were acquired under the Hill-Burton program.

This review of the situation in 1951 presents figures on the number of hospital beds and estimated additional beds needed as shown by the State plans on January 1, in comparison with those for the preceding 3 years. Tables are given showing the number of existing beds and the net additional needed, by State, for general, mental, tuberculosis, and chronic disease hospitals, as well as the total for all categories. The number of existing, programmed, and needed public health centers is also given.

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for the general public

Anemia

This nontechnical leaflet discusses what anemia is and gives a few facts about the blood, its composition, and

what it does within the body. Principal causes of anemia are given, such as improper diet, faulty absorption of food, loss of blood, injury to bone marrow, infection, and parasites. Symptoms and treatment are discussed briefly, with emphasis on a complete medical examination as the best preventive measure.

Anemia. Health Information Series, No. 55 (Public Health Service Publication No. 167). Reprinted 1952. 2-fold leaflet. 5 cents; \$1.25 per 100.

Pinworms

The nature of pinworms, their activities within the body, and the signs and symptoms experienced in infection are covered in this pamphlet. It stresses the fact that these parasites can infect adults as well as children, and may be a family affair. Means of controlling the spread of pinworms outside of the body are also discussed. No treatment is specified and readers are advised to consult their physicians.

Pinworms. Health Information Series, No. 51 (Public Health Service Publication No. 108). Reprinted 1951. 1-fold leaflet. 5 cents; \$1.25 per 100.

Care of the Feet

This leaflet is concerned with the various things that can go wrong with feet and why these conditions occur. Fallen arches, corns and callouses, bunions, foot odor, swelling of the feet, varicose veins, and athlete's foot are discussed. Advice is also given on proper care of the feet—wearing comfortable, correctly fitted shoes; bathing the feet; cutting the toenails.

Care of the Feet. Health Information Series No. 5 (Public Health Service Publication No. 109). Reprinted 1951. 1-fold leaflet. 5 cents; \$1.75 per 100.

Influenza

The epidemic nature of influenza, its symptoms, and the effect of the causative agent are pointed out in this leaflet. Preventive measures, such as avoiding crowds, keeping in as good health as possible, and isolating sick members of the family are advised. The use of vaccines is discussed, with the warning that no vaccine gives protection against all strains of influenza. The treatment advised is for the patient to go to bed and call a physician.

Influenza. Health Information Series No. 36 (Public Health Service Publication No. 163). Revised 1952. 1-fold leaflet. 5 cents; \$1.25 per 100.

Asthma

A general discussion of the physiology of the bronchial tubes and the nature of asthmatic attacks is followed by a description of the different causes of bronchial asthma. The wheezy, difficult breathing in asthma may also be associated with other diseases such as heart disease and obstructions in the bronchial tubes. Therefore, early diagnosis and prompt treatment by a physician are advised. The relation of climate to asthma is also discussed.

Asthma. Health Information Series No. 19 (Public Health Service Publication No. 155). Reprinted 1952. 6 pages. 5 cents; \$2.75 per 100.

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