There is not much doubt that American Medicine will change radically in the near future. There is not much similarity between the Medicine of the World War II era and how we are practicing Medicine and Surgery today. We now live in a time when we know much about disease states and reasonably well how to deal with most of them. Hopefully, in the future we shall re-discover the patient.

We amaze ourselves often with the complexities of the studies we can obtain on the patient. Our latest tools: the total body scanner and ultra-sonic scanning devices give new means of non-invasive diagnostic patient evaluation. The blood serum has become our particular favorite body substance to analyze and every few months a new SMA series becomes available, all at an ever-increasing cost.

Often we order the available studies out of curiosity or in the assumption that by obtaining multiple studies on the patient we may determine more exactly what pathology is present or perhaps may be able to avoid problems which are not obvious on routine examination and study. Additionally, in this age of the fear of malpractice suits most physicians order multitudes of X-ray studies, scans and laboratory analyses as part of what has come to be called "defensive medicine".

Our modern hospitals have become more and more elaborate and competitiveness between institutions has dictated that in the same community two or three or more hospitals will all have the latest scanning devices, facilities for cardiac by-pass and cardiac surgery, cobalt units, three or four various intensive care units, etc. All achieved at tremendous cost. Ramah has the physician himself been responsible for this phenomenon. We are living in an age when the physician has progressively less and less to say about what hospitals and community health planners are doing.

As a result of all this medical care costs have increased 330% in the past twenty years while the price index has increased 74% (1976). Most of this is hospital cost. The health care industry represents 8% of the gross national product. Hospitals and doctors are big business. Along with this tremendous increase in cost there has been little or no increase in life expectancy in the last 50 years and the quality of life has also not appreciably improved.

Somehow, everyone is becoming aware that there must be a change. As a consequence there is a great cry from many circles today for radical change in the delivery of health care to the people. Already we have the increasing intrusion of the federal government into hospitals and patient care through Medicare and Medicaid inspections, PSRO, peer review, which is only the beginning. It is obvious that what the government pays for it is going to control.

In addition there is increasing departure of patients into areas of peripheral health care. This is becoming known as Holistic Health Care and it masses together a great number of strange and exotic bed fellows, most of which have the common denominator of what can be called Psychic Healing. The tendency of the physician is at first to reject this entire area of endeavor as unnecessary, and perhaps as fraudulent or basically suspect. This has been and is my own personal view but I have come to see that the impetus in this new direction is not without some merit. What is needed is for the modern physician to broaden his sights and to expand his horizons to include the new thrust within the framework of Allpathic Medicine.

What is coming to be called the Old Medicine has concentrated its efforts upon the diagnosis and therapy of disease states. Preventive medicine has been primarily immunologic. The maintenance of health has rarely been our province. We have sought to maintain health through the removal of pathology. The New Medicine which to some degree is receiving its impetus from the new generation of Americans calls for the study of health or wholeness and how to perpetuate health. There is a tendency to reject the whole idea of pharmacology and increasing medical and surgical technology in favor of the development of healthful lifestyles and health-producing attitudes and behavior. The familiar names I have often associated with the new a New Medicine: Hans Selye and Jonas Salk. So we can see the leaders in Holistic Medicine are not innovators or unrealistic. They are researchers who have realistically noted that one path we are on is not productive of a well society. Most thinking physicians realize that somehow we need to re-evaluate our methods of bringing help to our patients.

It is my belief that Medicine as presently practiced is fundamentally right and needs only modifications. I am not ready to condemn or to destroy what I see to be a great and beneficial health care system. Socialized Medicine will make matters infinitely worse rather than better because of increased depersonalization and atheistic orientation. However, I believe that in America, Medical Practice needs to move in the direction of absolute concern for the total patient and the positive establishment of those institutions which will aim for the creation of a healthy society. Only by making Jesus Christ the Lord of our lives and the Guide of a New Creative Medicine will we allow the solution to complex problems of today's increasing challenges in all medical care.
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Please note: The St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting usually held on the third Friday of each month will not be held during the months of July and August. Please try to attend our Tampa meeting on the third Saturday night of the month.

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