

Return to Gillette

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Social Security
Division of Social Welfare
Globe Building - 4th and Cedar
St. Paul 1

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MEMORANDUM TO: All Physicians, County Welfare Boards, County Chapters, Field Representatives, Nurses.

The University Hospitals have extended their services to provide follow-up care for poliomyelitis patients by the acquisition of Rosemount Hospital. The patients at the Rosemount Hospital are under the care of University Hospital physicians.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, through its local chapters and the national headquarters, is assuming financial responsibility for the operation of the Rosemount Hospital. This hospital has a 100 bed capacity. Physicians wishing to refer poliomyelitis patients for follow-up care at Rosemount Hospital are asked to write directly to the University Hospital. Application blanks are not necessary, but a physician's referral and a statement from the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis of their willingness to assume the financial costs of treatment are required.

During the poliomyelitis epidemic in Minnesota, the Gillette Hospital facilities were used almost exclusively for poliomyelitis patients to the exclusion of children suffering from other orthopedic handicaps. In order to accommodate children with other orthopedic disabilities whose applications have been pending for some time at Gillette Hospital, it will be necessary that Rosemount Hospital be used as the primary State poliomyelitis hospital.

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