

April 20, 1964

TO: All Hospitals
Attention: Medical Director
Administrator
Director of Nursing

FROM: David J. Vail, M. D. ✓
Medical Director

SUBJECT: Consultation in physical therapy

I am calling to your attention a service provided by the State Department of Health with regard to consultation concerning physical therapy. The actual availability of service, of course, is limited by the manpower available, but at least there is a small staff at the Health Department who can be used on this basis.

I think the best way I can communicate this at this point is to quote directly from a letter from Dr. Helen Knudsen, Director of the Hospital Services Division of the Health Department to Dr. Patterson at Fergus Falls, dated April 15, 1964, as follows:

"... we have one physical therapist on our staff, Mrs. Bernice Crawford, R.P.T., to serve all of the care facilities in the State consisting of approximately 800 institutions and 50,000 beds. Her work must necessarily be offered on a consultant and teaching basis rather than in the treatment of patients, except occasionally for demonstration purposes.

"Mrs. Crawford would be happy to meet with members of your staff including the Director of Nurses and some of the medical staff at a mutually agreeable time. Your nursing staff may also benefit from information that our Rehabilitation Nursing Consultant can bring to you.

"These staff members can arrange, when they are in your part of the State, to meet with you and your staff to discuss several approaches which may be interesting and helpful in your situation. Please suggest some convenient dates in the near future and I am sure our people will be able to fit one of them into their schedule."

If you are interested in more information, I would suggest you contact Dr. Knudsen and/or Mrs. Crawford.

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cc - Dr. Helen I. Knudsen
Mrs. Bernice Crawford