

the Yakut ASSR alone (and 800 from Krasnoyarsk Kray...) have turned of late to Moscow in order to obtain expert medical care.

But there are also examples of a different kind. The number of patients who receive effective care at the Kamchatka Oblast Hospital has been increasing every year, even though in-patient resources have not been altered and the same medical staff remains.

"We ourselves have adopted the team method of organizing our work," related A. Chuiko, the hospital's Chief Physician, when we met. "Not only our nurses, but even our doctors operate on this principle, and in this manner we ensure that all treatment and diagnostic work in the department is completed without interruptions. And this bears fruit."

It is also worthwhile noting the innovation of personnel at the Central Polyclinic in Abakan, where they have introduced a computerized control system for prophylactic medical examinations - and the results were quick to appear. Some people have enquired about where the polyclinic obtained the money for computer equipment. But in Abakan no one even suggested purchasing a computer - they acquired one on lease. By analogy, this brings up a suggestion: why don't other doctors follow the example set by their neighbours in Abakan and lease boats on which they could establish temporary mobile laboratories to provide prophylactic medical examinations for hunters, fishermen, and reindeer herdsman who live far from any built-up areas?

During meeting held at the Yakut Republic Hospital, many leaders of local Party and government organs, including N. Prokop'ev, First Secretary of the Oblast Party Committee, were reproached a number of times for not paying attention to medical personnel and for