

Children under five years are not admitted, unless in certain cases requiring special treatment, and when the attending physicians and surgeons deem it necessary. No patient is admitted whose ailments do not absolutely require his stay in the Hospital.

The Hospital has five out-door departments: a general out-door department, under the control of the Medical Board; a department for the diseases of the eye and ear, nose and pharynx, under the direction of Dr. A. A. Foucher, surgeon oculist to the Hospital; an electric department under the direction of Dr. Aubry, a dispensary for the treatment of children's diseases, under the control of Dr. S. Lachapelle and a dispensary for the diseases of women conducted by Dr. T. Brennan.

The number of patients treated this year at the out-door departments was 20,968.

The daily visit of the wards is made regularly at 11 A. M. by the attending physicians and surgeons. As will be seen further on, the house-surgeons make an additional visit, morning and evening.

Besides the public wards where poor patients are admitted, there are in the Hospital, private wards for each of the patients as has the means of paying. In these private wards, paying patients enjoy all the comfort desirable and may be treated by their own doctor or any physician of their choice.

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The house-surgeon and his assistants reside in the Hospital. They visit the wards at least twice a day, morning and evening. They examine all the patients suffering from serious or urgent diseases, and take charge of all cases brought in, until the attending physicians arrive.

The *house-surgeon alone*, or, in his absence, the assistant house-surgeon has charge of the admission of patients.

If any urgent case is brought to the Hospital, the house-surgeon must send for the attending physician or surgeon without delay.

The house-surgeon and his assistants must never be away from the Hospital when the attending physicians make their daily visit. If one of them is obliged to be absent at any other time, he must previously inform his colleagues of the fact, so that one of them may be always present at the Hospital.

The house-surgeon must enter, or cause to be entered, in books especially kept for that purpose, the names, age and sex of all the patients, the date of their admission and of their discharge, the treatment followed in each case, the state of the patient when discharged, the name of the disease he was