

attending physicians and surgeons. As will be seen further, 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 have 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. During the year 1883-84 the number of private wards has been increased to sixteen.

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The house surgeon and his assistant 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. (Nearly all the physicians are connected by telephone with the Hospital.)

The house surgeon and his assistant 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 colleague 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 discharge, the treatment followed in each case, the state of the patient when discharged, the name of the disease he was laboring under and other peculiarities. He must also see that the prescriptions of the attending physicians and surgeons are carefully prepared, and if necessary, must attend personally the compounding of medicines.

The house surgeon and his assistant are not allowed to take charge of patients outside the Hospital nor even in the private wards of the Hospital. All their time and care must be devoted to the poor patients of the institution.

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No medical student is allowed to attend the hospital unless he has previously taken his admission ticket.

Under no pretence whatever are medical students allowed to go into the wards in the absence of or without special permission from the attending physician.

During the daily visit, the medical students must follow the professor as it were *foot to foot*, that is to say, they must not examine