

Every senior in medicine completes the requirement, and now it is Howard Keith's 8-week turn as he gets firsthand look at life of general practitioner.

A Student Samples Doctor's Life

As a practical part of each senior's training, the Medical School requires that he work and learn in some state community under guidance of a general practitioner.

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"I'm a little sleepy this morning. I was up 'til four this morning with an O. B." Howard Keith, senior in O. U.'s School of Medicine, took another sip of coffee.

The early morning conversation between the doctors and head nurse of Pauls Valley's N. H. Lindsey Memorial Hospital moved back and forth across the coffee table.

The talk touched on the early morning delivery that had kept Keith up, moved on to a question from the nurse about the business of the day, and settled on the reason for Keith's being away from the Oklahoma City campus of the Medical School.

To give seniors a taste of the life of a general practitioner, the Medical School in 1949 adopted a Preceptor Program. Seniors were required to leave the Oklahoma City campus for a period of time, now eight weeks, to learn by observation and association the obligations of the general practitioner in his community environment.

Dr. R. H. Lindsey, Pauls Valley, who has turned the duties of a Preceptor over to his associate, Dr. Ray Spence, '46med, after several years in the position, explained the value of the

training program, as he prepared to assist with an operation:

"We're pleased with the program. We do no formal teaching. But we see that the Preceptee gets a good indoctrination in routine cases and a briefing on special cases that may come up. We're always available to answer questions and to call attention to anything that might aid the student."

The program is a break for the senior. He not only gets a practical look at his profession but a welcome change from text pressure.

Dr. A. N. Taylor, associate dean of the Medical School, wrote in *Commentary*, "The greatest student benefit coming from this program is that the personal problems and attitude of the student toward general practice can receive individual attention . . . by a faculty member active in the field."

The practicality of the program as conducted at Pauls Valley is indicated by the pictures on these pages. At the time the pictures were taken 24 other state doctors, all members of the Medical School faculty, were putting 24 additional seniors through a similar period of instruction in Oklahoma towns.



Medical student Keith washes for surgery in Pauls Valley's N. H. Lindsey Memorial Hospital. He fitted quickly and easily into the busy routine of practical training program.

Medical Student Adds to Education By Assisting Doctor in Operation

Outside the operating room door of the Pauls Valley hospital, the parents of a little girl wait, anxious and tense, as Howard Keith, O. U. senior in medicine, begins his training for the day by assisting staff physician with routine

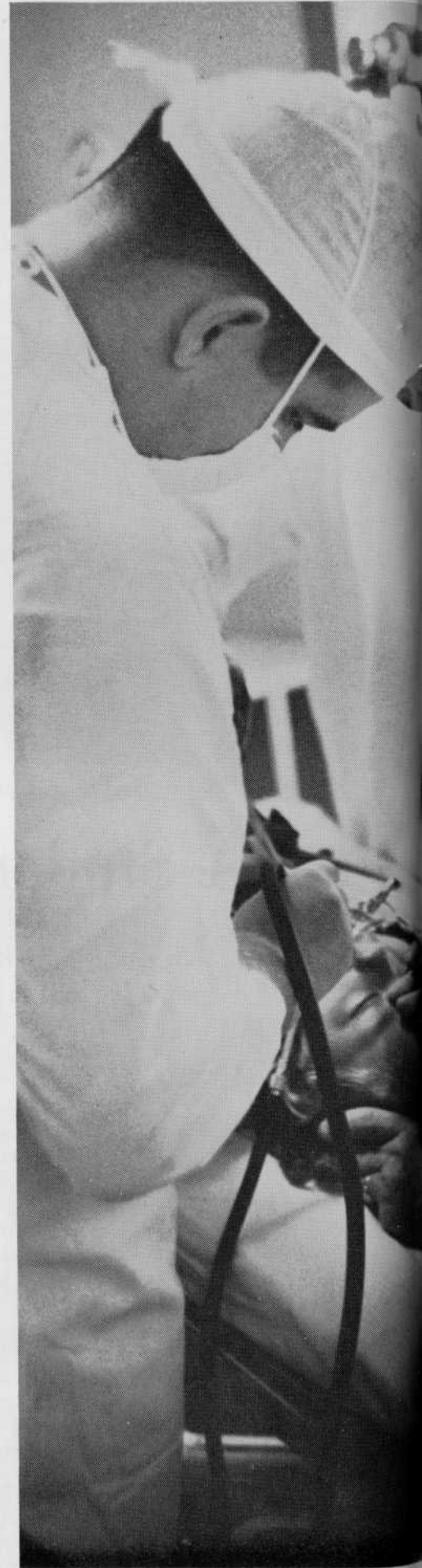
tonsillectomy, his first duty of the day.

Keith helped in each phase of the operation; chatted informally with parents before entering surgery; assisted with operation, and returned to tell parents that everything went smoothly.

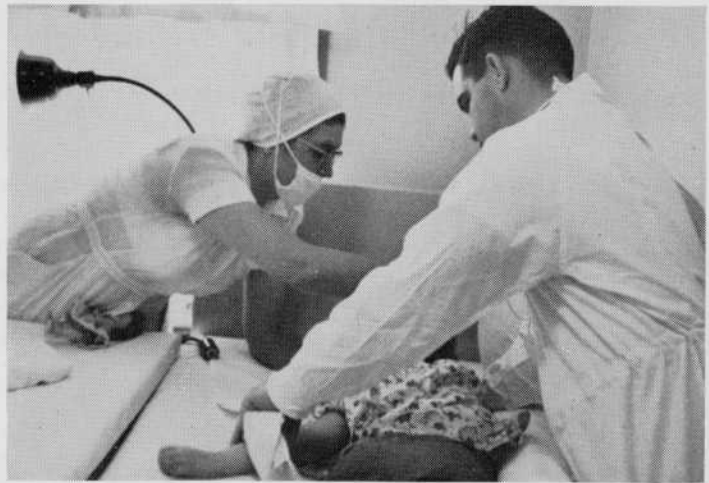


A nurse assists Keith with his rubber gloves. Professional attitude was present in every action. Keith plans to become a general practitioner after completing requirements.

At right, operation goes smoothly. Keith assists as routine tonsillectomy is performed. From Enid, Oklahoma, Keith will receive his degree in June from the School of Medicine.

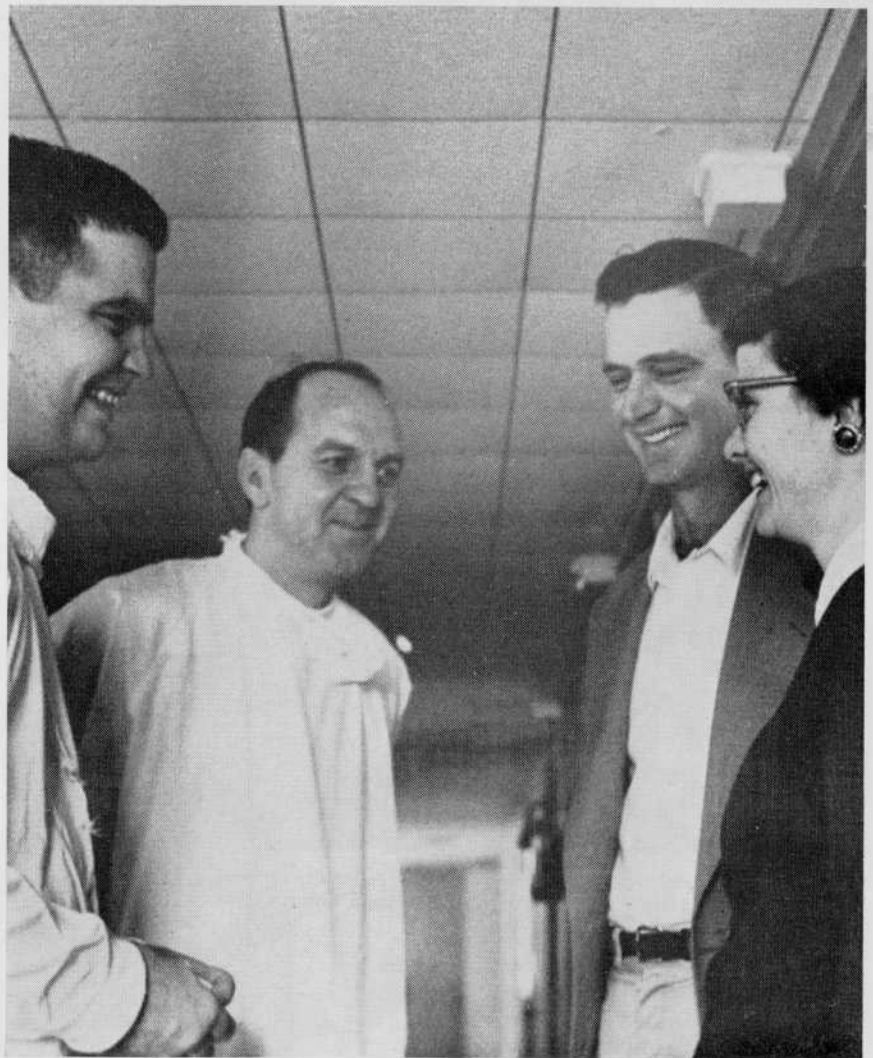


DOCTOR'S LIFE Continued



With nurse, medical senior takes child who has just undergone operation back to hospital room; helps nurse move child back into hospital bed.

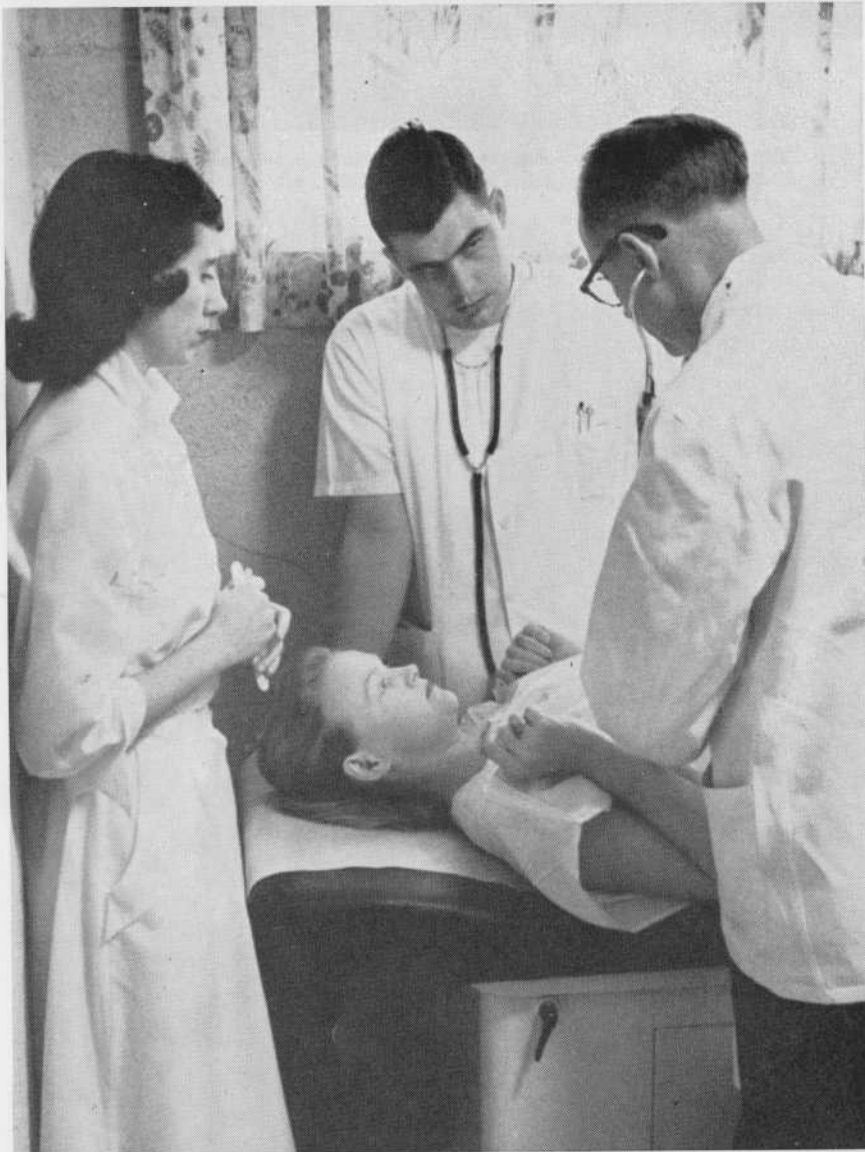
Operating doctor and Keith report to parents on completion of surgery. Broad smiles replace studied calm the couple held throughout operation.



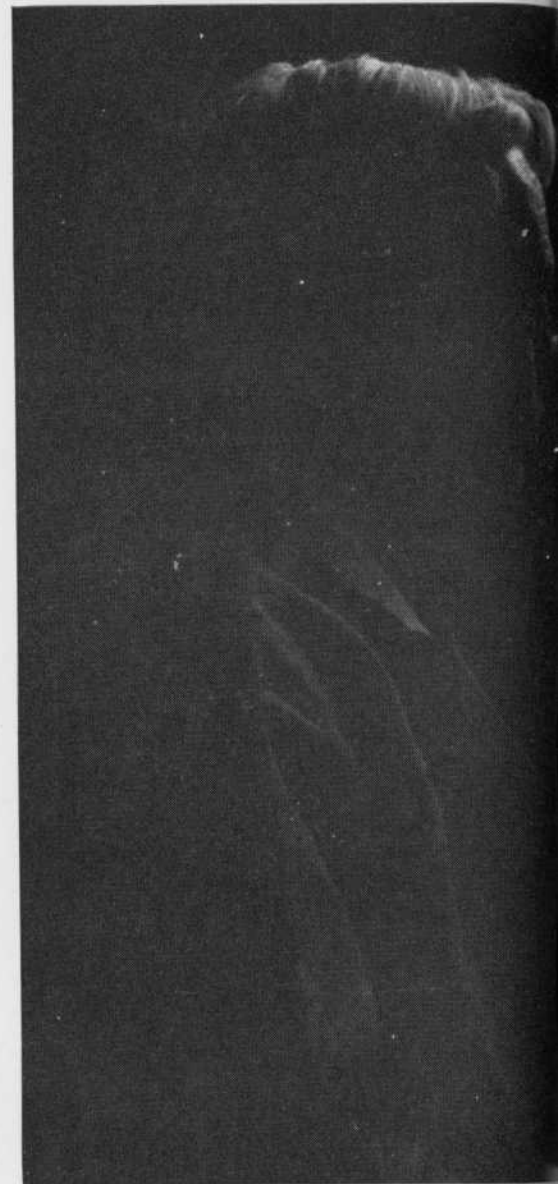
Office Call Procedure and Diagnosis Are Part of Unusual Training Program

Pauls Valley's modern Medical Center provides an excellent out-patient training ground for medical student. Five doctors have offices there, including Preceptor Dr. Ray Spence.

Student assists doctor with office calls and the routine of clinic work. One doctor suggested one of the reasons state doctors like the Preceptor Program: "The students keep us on our toes."



Dr. Ray Spence, member of O. U. School of Medicine faculty as Preceptor for Pauls Valley, checks patient in office call as Keith learns through observation techniques and skills.



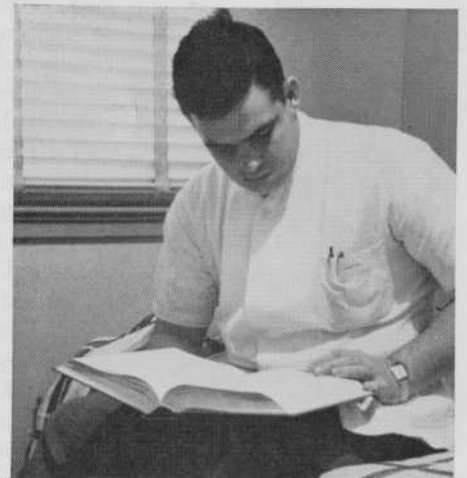
Dr. R. H. Lindsey, noted state physician and son of doctor for whom hospital is memorial, reads X-ray with Keith in Pauls Valley clinic.



Under the skilled supervision of Dr. Lindsey, Keith checks the blood pressure of a patient.



All five of the doctors who have joint practice in hospital and clinic in Pauls Valley assist in training Keith. Dr. Spence assumes the main responsibility as Preceptor.



After day in hospital and clinic, Keith returns to studies in his room in Pauls Valley hospital.