

**FILM ON COMA AVAILABLE**

A fifteen-minute black and white film entitled "Nonketoacidotic Coma" and featuring T. S. Danowski, M.D., of Pittsburgh, is available through the Committee on Professional Education of the American Diabetes Association for showing to Affiliate Associations, County and State Medical Societies, and other professional audiences around the country.

The film discusses five types of nonketoacidotic coma associated with diabetes. The first type is incidental to the diabetes and the main cause may be a stroke, barbiturate poisoning, or uremia. The second type is related to the presence of hypoglycemia and can be caused by an excess of insulin, chlorpropamide, tolbutamide, or may be the hypoglycemic tail type which represents an early phase of diabetes in some patients. The third type is lactic acidosis and includes tissue hypoxia caused by shock, decreased lactate conversion to pyruvate and decreased plasma bicarbonate without ketoacidosis. The fourth and fifth types are the hyperosmolar types and include hypernatremic and hyperglycemic patients. Hypernatremic patients have a serum sodium in excess of 160 mEq./L., an acetone of zero to trace, a normal plasma and CO<sub>2</sub> value and blood sugar may be normal or increased. The hyperglycemic patient may have a blood sugar in excess of 600 mg. per 100 ml., an acetone of zero to trace, a normal plasma and CO<sub>2</sub> value, and the serum sodium may be increased. A variant of the hyperglycemic type occurs in patients with severe burns.

The film was produced by Campbell Moses, M.D., Director of the Addison H. Gibson Laboratory, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh. It is available for use without charge. The American Diabetes Association will prepay shipping charges to organizations requesting the film. However, films should be returned prepaid if possible.

**DIABETES MELLITUS:  
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT**

As previously announced, Volumes I and II of the physicians' manual *Diabetes Mellitus: Diagnosis and Treatment* are now available. Volume II is not intended as a replacement for Volume I; it is the second book in a series. Single copy and quantity prices, including handling and shipping costs, are as follows:

QUANTITY	PRICE		
	Volume I	Volume II	Combination of Volume I and Volume II
1-9 copies	\$2.00 each	\$2.50 each	\$4.25
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**NEWS NOTES**

**AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL  
NUTRITION TO HOLD EIGHTH  
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the American Society for Clinical Nutrition will be held at the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on May 4, 1968. "The Role of Diet in Disorders of Lipid Metabolism" will be the subject of the morning session. In the afternoon a number of individual scientific papers will be presented.

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON  
LIPID METABOLISM**

The Third International Symposium on Drugs Affecting Lipid Metabolism will be held in Milan, Italy, Sept. 3-5, 1968. The symposium, which is held every three years, is being organized by the Institute of Pharmacology and Therapeutics of the University of Milan under the auspices of the International Society for Biochemical Pharmacology and the Società Italiana per Lo Studio dell'Arteriosclerosi. Further information may be obtained from Miss Hasel J. Prain, Secretary to the Organizing Committee, Institute of Pharmacology, Via A. del Sarto 21, 20129 Milan, Italy.

**PERSONALS**

BURIS R. BOSHELL, M.D., Birmingham, Alabama, has been named to the Ruth Lawson Hanson Chair of Medicine in Diabetes and Metabolism of the Medical College of Alabama.

VAUN A. NEWILL, M.D., Cincinnati, Chief of the Ecology Research Section, National Center for Air Pollution Control, participated in the third annual Symposium on Air Pollution and Respiratory Disease at the U. S. Naval Hospital in St. Albans, New York, on October 26. The symposium, entitled "Air Pollution Incidents and the Respiratory Patient," was sponsored by the New York State Action for Clean Air Committee in cooperation with the Queensboro Tuberculosis and Health Association, and the Naval Hospital of St. Albans.

**NECROLOGY**

H. L. JOHNSON, Southfield, Mich., born July 1, 1899.  
HOWARD F. ROOT, Brookline, Mass., born Aug. 28, 1890.  
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