

# Editorial Comment

**Editor's Note:** Since the Editor and the President are now one and the same, this page is now available for guest editorials—submit your editorial comments anonymously, if you wish.

Because the dissemination of information to enlighten and educate is our stated purpose and that the establishment of standards for certification naturally follows, the first section of an application for federal funds to begin our program is presented here for your information.

“Emerging Occupations in Dialysis and Cardio-Pulmonary Technology—A Study of Training Needs.”

## PURPOSE

To survey the medical research-educational institutions and general hospitals in the United States to:

a) Determine the present application and scope of dialysis and cardio-pulmonary patient services, specifically

by identifying the number and classification of para-medical personnel employed directly as technologists and technicians operating chemical, electronic and/or mechanical support applications and the case load to which such applications are or could be applied.

b) Anticipate the number of dialysis, cardio-pulmonary, and related technologists and technicians which will be needed to meet case loads and the broadened application of these patient services during the next decade.

c) Document the present pattern for dialysis and cardio-pulmonary technologist and technician recruitment, existing selection criteria, available training.

d) Establish the need for and feasibility of establishing basic recommended criteria and curricula to support recruitment, selection, and training of dialysis, cardio-pulmonary, and related para-medical personnel in the next decade.

## COVER PHOTO . . .

The strength of a society is no greater than the sum of its members. Our cover represents all those dedicated individuals whose prime interest in optimal patient care has brought them to active roles in a professional society, our professional Society, AmSECT. This montage depicts them studious, working, thinking as well as enjoying themselves at the recent annual conference in Detroit. Do they represent you?