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Finally, they will assist responsible organizations to raise funds for research and development in the dialysis and transplant fields (but do *not* intend to directly raise funds and oversee their use).

Membership in NAPH is open *only* to patients. The dues are \$1.00 per year. There are *no* salaries in this organization—everyone is a volunteer. Persons who are not patients *cannot* become members but can receive the newsletter if they request it (we would think that a small donation to cover this expense would be a simple courtesy). For more information or to apply for membership, use the following address:

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Kings County Hospital
451 Clarkson Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11203

We applaud their efforts and wish them well.

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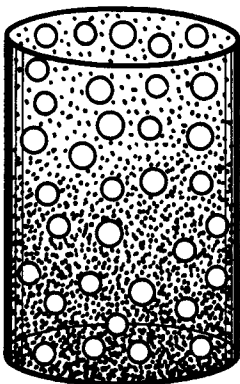
An informal newsletter for the hemodialysis community, called "Dialysis Discussions", is circulated by Bio/Systems, Incorporated, 3220 Olympic Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90404. Anyone wishing to receive this publication should write, asking to be placed on their mailing list. (Circle No. 14)

A new organization composed solely of dialysis patients is being formed. Called the National Association of Patients on Hemodialysis (NAPH), it is a non-profit society whose membership is restricted to those persons who depend upon periodic artificial kidney treatments to keep them alive.

NAPH has three general aims. The first is to publish a newsletter six or more times a year in which the mem-

bers may communicate with each other as well as being informed of pertinent news.

Secondly they want to represent the interests of dialysis patients in local, state and federal governments—heaven knows the middle income dialysis patient is hard pressed to finance his "habit" and many are condemned to die because of the lack of financing.



Oxygenation

Back in May of 1965, at our annual conference in Minneapolis, Dr. Arnold Lande spoke about his early work on a membrane oxygenator. This unit has now developed to the stage of availability for research and clinical trials.

The manufacturer, Edwards Laboratories of 624 Dyer Road, Santa Ana, California 92705, says that two sizes are now being marketed in limited quantities; a one square meter

with a priming volume of 180 ml. and a flow capacity of one liter per minute plus a three square meter unit with a priming volume of 500 ml. and a flow capacity of three liters per minute. Both units are quite small and totally disposable although it is possible to clean them for re-use in the animal laboratory.

Further information can be gotten from the manufacturer. (Circle No. 15)