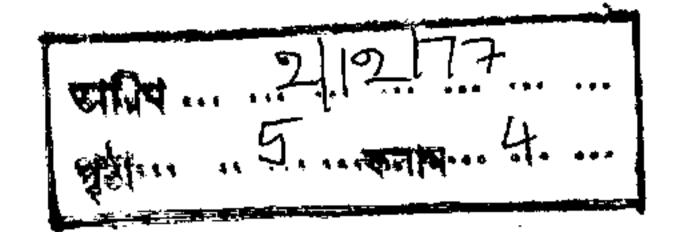
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Clinical Training For Medical Students

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WHAT is general practice in England, and also is a common knowledge the Ĭn Netherlands, France and North America, is now to be followed in Germany and some other countries: medical students will no longer receive clinical training at university. From winter semester 1977/78 Bochum university is adopting a new way of training doctors. Thereafter, students will their clinical training at the so-called general hospitals. Hitherto, medical students have had to change universities after the pre-clinical semesters due to the university having clinics of its own. Pre-clinical natural scientific medicine is already fully developed in Bochum and with around 570 study places is one of the largest pre-clinical training centres in the Federal Republic.

The pre-clinical training in general hospitals is regarded as creating additional study places in clinical medicine as unbureaucratically and competitively as possible. It envisaged that through following this practice a substantial number of students can trained without loss of time at the regional hospitals.

the experiment of following the new practice will be a help in difficulties. the overcoming found in the course of medical studies. Through this experiment they will be able to com plete their training in shorter periods without undue blems. The students will thus be able to form a better overall picture of the wide range of illnesses than in the university clinics which are often highly specialised and technical. Thishowever, also means that thuse. just beginning clinical training will no longer be a noticeable burden on the large specialist hospitals. Professors at university clinics will, therefore. be able to devote themselves. even more intensely to advance. ed students who come to them with a comprehensive basic training course already behind them.

Bochum " The university of has already entered into a num ber of contracts with ather states in Germany as well as developing countries to implement this vilot scheme. These contracts envisage, inter alia, ving the burden on the universeveral students at these me-The medical experts believe dical centres being given the

concentrating opportunity of. more thoroughly on specialis. ing the courses of their choice. The federal state of Northrhein Westphalia will meet the costs incurred by the hospitals low teaching and research, the hiring of additional staff or invest ment in building such as the expansion of lecture rooms etc A figure of around 53 million DM is estimated for the first "Bochum ten years of the Model" - a relatively sum compared with the enormous sums involved in building of university clinics.

The regional and federal authorities believe the scheme offers the possibility of creating additional study places as well as the opportunity of receiving clinical training' on the spot'. It is assumed the Bochum pilot scheme, originally designed to run for eleven vears, offers points of departure in the sphere of clinical training of the future.

Examinations are being made whether hospitals in other areas could be converted into training centres along the lines of the Bochum model. thus es and at the same time, relie. creating additional study placsity clinics.