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**Computers and Voluntary Health Organizations:
An Informal Case Study of
the Voluntary Health Association (Delhi), India**

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This poster presentation is a report on a practical example of a voluntary health agency attempting to meet the goal of "Health for All by the Year 2000" for the roughly 20 million residents of New Delhi, India.

VHA(D) hopes to establish a service for the collection and analysis of health information and statistics for voluntary agencies operating in New Delhi. In late 1989 VHA(D) obtained two desktop MS-DOS computers and associated software for word processing, database management, spreadsheets and statistical analysis.

Mr. Zelmer has recently completed the Canadian International Development Agency funded project with the Camrose International Institute and VHA(D) to purchase and install the two desktop computers, and to train members, staff and volunteers in their use.

Results:

* Out of 170 persons with AIDS hospitalized on our unit this past year, approximately 25% of them choose to have a family

* "families" included mothers, fathers, siblings, lovers, friends, and buddies from local AIDS organizations.

* Family members choose to participate in physical care in a variety of ways, which is encouraged by the nursing staff

according to the client and family emotional, psychological, social, and physical needs which needed to be met.

* Families choose to stay at all stages of the person's illness, from first admission to the last.

Computerizing Nurse Education at UCCQ

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The Dip.Hlth.Sc.(N) in the School of Health Science, UCCQ, accepted its first students in February 1990. This new program will be heavily dependent upon the use of computers for the management of clinical placements and delivery of instruction. The Computer Assisted/Computer Managed Learning (CAL/CML) Project is responsible for the development and management of the computer resources. While some funding has been received for the project, much of the development of resource materials will be the responsibility of teaching staff and will be developed as normal instructional materials.

The poster presentation shows developments to date, including the standardized HyperCard(r) stack used for presenting case studies and the student scheduling system.

Mr. Zelmer lectures in computer applications for the Department of Mathematics and Computing, and has been seconded as the CAL/CML Project Co-ordinator. Mr. Connell is an analyst/programmer seconded to the project from the UCCQ Computer Centre.