

## R. R.H. Frelick

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This article (see Figure 1 and 2) about Robert H. Frelick, MD is from the Wilmington Morning News on Saturday, October 14, 1950. The headline banner on this date was “Yanks within 65 Miles of Red Capital.” President Truman had just announced Wake Island as the location for the final parley with General MacArthur to discuss the final phase of the Korean campaign. Dr. Frelick’s medical career spanned decades, and his dedication to cancer diagnosis and treatment was honored with the Lewis B. Flinn President’s Award, presented by the Delaware Academy of Medicine in 2009. Dr. Frelick remained engaged in medicine, attending medical grand rounds and other education event until a year before his passing in 2016.

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**Dr. R. H. Frelick Appointed To Head Carpenter Clinic**

*He Succeeds Dr. J. F. Hynes in Directing Center for Cancer Diagnosis; Dr. Eduardo Carceres Named as Consultant*

Dr. Robert H. Frelick has been appointed executive officer of the Carpenter Tumor Clinic at The Memorial Hospital, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Grace Little, superintendent of the hospital.

He succeeds Dr. John F. Hynes, director of the clinic for many years, who is devoting full time to private practice.

Under the new arrangements for operation of the clinic, a radiologist on the staff of the Memorial Hospital of New York City has been appointed as consultant. He will come here one day each week for radiation therapy.

The radiologist is Dr. Eduardo Carceres, "who has had many years of intensive training in the field of cancer and is considered an authority on malignant diseases," Mrs. Little announced.

The Carpenter Clinic, established in 1935, has been one of the state's principal centers for diagnosis and treatment of cancer. It was a gift of the late R. E. M. Carpenter, former chairman of the board of directors of the hospital. Mr. Carpenter made the contribution in memory of his parents, Walter S. and Belle M. Carpenter.

Dr. Hynes formerly devoted part of his time to private practice while directing the operation of the clinic. He is now devoting full time to his own practice, with his office at 1100 Jackson Street.

Dr. Frelick had previous experience at the local hospital, having served as medical resident following his release from the Army.

He was born in Potsdam, N. Y., in

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1920. He was raised in Schenectady and attended Union College, from which he was graduated in 1941 with an A.B. degree. He was graduated from Yale medical school in September, 1944 and interned at New Haven Hospital in surgery.

Dr. Frelick entered the Army in July, 1945 and served for two years, most of the time in Munich, Germany. After leaving the Army, he came to the Memorial Hospital here.

This was followed by a year in the Medical Residency at Memorial Cancer Center, New York City. He completed this work in June, 1950.

Dr. Frelick returned to Wilmington following this and started a practice in international medicine while assuming the directorship of the Carter Clinic on a part-time basis.

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