

agenda. I may not deny my patient a cancer treatment or heart surgery, so that his resources can be used to benefit someone with a higher social priority, such as a person who is entitled to a free checkup.

*I want the best medical care for my patients and for all Americans. We cannot provide the best until we get the cost down. We will not lower costs by abolishing the Oath of Hippocrates and destroying the patient-physician relationship. The Oath of Hippocrates dates to the fifth century B.C.; the acceleration of American medical costs dates to 1965.*

*Costs skyrocketed because the government got into medicine. Costs will not decrease until we get the government out of medicine; out of private physicians offices, where regulations are driving physicians out of business, especially in rural areas and inner cities; out of hospitals, where compliance costs add a huge administrative overhead; out of the pharmaceutical industry, where government adds \$250 million to the cost of marketing a single new drug; out of the medical marketplace, where government intervention has destroyed the normal economic mechanisms that keep costs reasonable in a free market. We need to bring patients back into the financial equation.*

*We must allow patients to benefit from their prudent spending and saving decisions. All Americans should be permitted to use pre-tax dollars to establish a medical savings account. To preserve excellence in American medicine, we must preserve patients' freedom of choice not turn it into the sham of picking Monolith A or Monolith B, both offering the same government-dictated benefits package. If the government forces us all into a bureaucratically managed system, we will still have something called "health care," delivered by persons called "health care providers." But such a system will have no place for ethical physicians, whose Oath forbids them to accept a situation of conflict of interest with their patients.*

*Government bureaucracy has never controlled costs. The promise of universal access to comprehensive service under a global budget and government rules is, in a word, bankrupt. Government officials do not take an oath to do no harm. What a government system can accomplish is to destroy the art and science of medicine in these United States of America.*

## CARBON DIOXIDE

The carbon dioxide experiments are under way. For four months, beginning in late October, virtually all of our time was utilized in the building of the laboratory and equipment and in starting the work. Many people, in addition to the children and I, helped with the work. The Manly Foundation provided funds to begin construction of a laboratory here for the continuation of our work on metabolic profiling. Although the carbon dioxide lab room itself was separately funded, the integration of this lab into the profiling lab provided it with essential support facilities and common areas. Therefore this Manly Foundation help has been essential to the high quality research effort on carbon dioxide that we now have in progress.

Our friends from the Midwest, who built the Chapel described in an earlier issue of this newsletter, came here on three separate trips to provide most of the construction work on the lab. They did a truly remarkable job. With their usual flair for the impossible, they converted a large hay storage and farm implement area into a research facility of exceptionally high quality. The example these people set in their Christian ministry of work and example is one that few of us could equal. It sets a standard that we can aspire to reach.

Funds for the required research equipment came from donations to the Institute primarily by individuals who are recipients of this newsletter. These were largely in response to our fall 1992 issue entitled "Global Lies." Where possible we have built the equipment ourselves. Parts for this