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AHEC brings specialists to Elko area

ELKO--A new program bringing physician specialists to the area once a month to see patients and consult with local doctors begins here this week. The program is a cooperative effort between Nevada Area Health Education Centers and Elko Regional Medical Center.

Dr. John Peacock, a neurologist specializing in treatment and diagnosis of diseases such as Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis and epilepsy and a professor of medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, will be the first specialist to travel to Elko. He will be seeing patients Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Elko Regional Medical Center, 762 14th St. While in Elko he will also present a one-hour program for local physicians on multiple sclerosis beginning at noon.

Elko physicians requested that the program begin with neurology, a speciality they believed could be utilized by the community. Two other neurologists, Dr. John Eaton and Dr. Richard Zweig, will alternate months with Dr. Peacock. Dr. Eaton, School of Medicine professor of medicine, deals with neurological problems as well as psychiatric illnesses. Dr. Zweig, assistant professor of medicine, specializes primarily in neurological illnesses. Each will be accompanied by a doctor completing a residency in internal medicine. The program will continue through June.

According to Dr. Peacock, the director of the Division of Neurology for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Reno, he and the other neurologists can see patients experiencing a variety of problems, including pain problems with an unknown cause, loss of sensation and the loss of sensory abilities such as vision and hearing.

AHEC and the School of Medicine work in partnership to provide support services to health care professionals in rural communities throughout the state.

For information about appointments, talk to your doctor or call the Elko Regional Medical Center at 738-3111.