

M3170 MEDICAL CENTER (USA, 9/24/1969-3/15/1976) [TV SERIES]

Cast: Chad Everett, James Daly, Audrey Totter, Jayne Meadows, Corinne Camacho, Barbara Baldavin, Chris Hutson.

Series summary: Medical melodrama set in contemporary Los Angeles. Dr. Paul Lochner (Daly) was the chief of staff, Dr. Joe Gannon (Everett) was the professor of surgery and a close colleague to Dr. Lochner. The personal and medical stories of the doctors and their patients, as well as others with whom they came in contact, provided the drama in this series. Gannon and Lochner embodied the youth vs. experience tension which seems to be a necessary element of every medical show. In its' time, Medical Center was the longest running medical drama in the history of prime time television.

The battle of Lily Wu (10/22/1969)

Credits: director, unknown ; writer, Don Brinkley.

Cast: France Nuyen, Harold J. Stone.

Summary: An injured Vietnamese girl (Nuyen) is brought to the United States for treatment, then resists it.

The casualty (10/22/1973)

Credits: director, unknown ; writer, unknown.

Cast: Joseph Campanella, Stephen Colt, Michael Morgan, Shari Price.

Summary: Gannon has fallen for a co-worker whose husband has been MIA in Vietnam for six years. Then the husband appears among the POWs released in Hanoi and returns to reclaim his wife and son.

Child of conflict (2/2/1976)

Credits: director, unknown ; writer, unknown.

Cast: Dana Brady, Don Galloway, France Nuyen, Fionnula Flanagan, Wendy Tochi.

Summary: The adoption of a Vietnamese war orphan (Tochi) by friends of Dr. Gannon is complicated when her birth mother (Nuyen), a Vietnamese prostitute, shows up.

Death grip (11/4/1970)

Credits: director, unknown ; writer, unknown.

Cast: John Breckfield, Hugh Beaumont, Laurie Prange, Steve Forrest.

Summary: A recently returned Vietnam veteran surgeon (Forrest) must face his alcoholism.

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