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Collection Overview

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Kisch, Bruno Z., 1890-1966
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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
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Transferred to the Archives Center in 2003.

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Biographical Note

A Jewish physician from Czechoslovakia who escaped the Holocaust, Kisch was a pioneer in the field of cardiology, especially the microscopic structure of cardiac musculature. Kisch held professorships at Yale and Yeshiva Universities, and was for a time President of the American College of Cardiology, which he helped found.

Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence, most relating to Kisch's service as President of the American College of Cardiology; photomicrographs, of animal tissue specimens; writings and notes; notebooks on Dr. Kisch's experimentation and research, including many electrocardiograms; and printed material, such as medical journals containing articles by Dr. Kisch, and reprints of articles by Dr. Kisch.

Arrangement

Divided into 5 series: Series 1, Personal materials; Series 2, Correspondence; Series 3, Notebooks; Series 4, Photographs, Micrographs and Negatives; and Series 5, Publications.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Cultures:
- Cardiology
- Electron microscopy
- Medical sciences
- Medicine -- Research
- Microscopy
- Physicians

Types of Materials:
- Correspondence -- 20th century
- Electron micrographs
- Laboratory notebooks
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- Glass -- 1890-1920
- Photomicrographs
- Reprints
- Technical literature

Names:
- Science, Medicine and Society, Division of (NMAH, SI).