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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives Center, National Museum of American History |
| Title: | Joseph Blinder Medical Notebooks and Notes |
| Date: | Circa 1908-circa 1911 |
| Identifier: | NMAH.AC.0831 |
| Creator: | Hirschkovitz, Jacob Blinder, Joseph, 1884-1973 |
| Extent: | 1 Cubic foot (3 boxes) |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | Dr. Joseph Blinder was born in Russia in 1884 and immigrated to the United States in 1908. He attended Bellevue Medical College (New York University) and graduated in 1911. The collection consists of Blinder's bound medical notebooks, class notes, lab notes, and miscellaneous papers during his medical education at Bellevue from 1908-1911. The notebooks cover the following topics: pharmacology, anatomy, obstetrics, physiology, chemistry, and pathology. There are some loose handouts in the notebooks from professors Dr. Brooks and Dr. Smith. |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Harold S. and Theodor J. Blinder on October 7, 1974.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center in 2003 by the Division of Science, Medicine and Society, now known as the Division of Medicine and Science.

Related Materials

Materials in the Division of Medicine and Science, National Museum of American History

Artifacts from Dr. Joseph Blinder's office, including objects and furnishings (Accession #309903).

Processing Information

Processed by unknown staff member, June, 2003; revised by Allyssa Tidwell (intern), July, 2011; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research but framed items are stored off-site and special arrangements must be made to work with it. Contact the Archives Center for information at archivescenter@si.edu or 202-633-3270.

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Joseph Blinder was born in Russia in 1884 and immigrated to the United States in 1908. He attended Bellevue Medical College (New York University) and graduated in 1911. He established a family medical practice in 1915 in Brooklyn, New York, which he continued for 48 years, except for an interruption for U.S. Army service during World War I.

Reference Note

This information was gathered from a letter written by Dr. Blinder's son, Dr. Ted Blinder, that was given to the Smithsonian when he inquired about donating the collection in 1973.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of Blinder's bound medical notebooks, class notes, lab notes, and miscellaneous papers from his medical studies at Bellevue College, New York University (1908-1911). In one instance, a notebook was written by another student, Jacob Hirschkowitz. Most of the notebooks contain drawings as well as loose handouts from professors, Dr. Brooks and Dr. Smith. The notebooks cover the following topics: pharmacology, anatomy, obstetrics, physiology, chemistry, and pathology. The notebook in Box 1, Folder 7, is fragile.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Medical colleges
- Medical education
- Medicine
- Physicians

Types of Materials:

- Drawings -- 20th century
- Notebooks -- 1900-1950

Names:

- New York University

Container Listing

Series 1: Medical Lecture Notebooks, 1909 - 1911, undated

Language: English.

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Pharmacology notebook, 1909 Language: English. |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Anatomy notebook, undated Language: English. |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Obstetrics lecture notes by Professor Flint, 1909 Language: English. |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Physiology notebook by Jacob H. Hirshkowitz, undated Language: English. |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Physiological chemistry notebook, undated Language: English. |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Chemistry notebook, undated Language: English. |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | [Narcotics?], undated Language: English. |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Applied pathology notebook, undated Language: English. |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | Chemical laboratory notebook, undated Language: English. |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Physiological laboratory notebook and loose exercise handouts, undated Language: English. |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Pathology drawing book, undated Language: English. |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Article on insanity, undated Language: English. |
| Box 3, Folder 1 | Physiology notebook, undated Language: English. |
| Box 3, Folder 2 | Class notebook [chemistry?] and loose handouts, undated Language: English. |

Box 3, Folder 3 Obstetrics notebook, 1911
Language: English.

Box 3, Folder 4 Exam questions, loose notes and [medical lecture notes?] by Dr. Brooks and
Dr. Smith, undated
Language: English.

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