Guide to the Joseph Blinder Medical Notebooks and Notes

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### Collection Overview

**Repository:** Archives Center, National Museum of American History  
**Title:** Joseph Blinder Medical Notebooks and Notes,  
**Identifier:** NMAH.AC.0831  
**Date:** Circa 1908-circa 1911  
**Extent:** 1 Cubic foot (3 boxes)  
**Creator:** Hirschkovitz, Jacob  
Blinder, Joseph, 1884-1973  
**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**  
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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
Series 1: Medical Lecture Notebooks, 1909 - 1911, undated

Box 1, Folder 1  Pharmacology notebook, 1909
Box 1, Folder 2  Anatomy notebook, undated
Box 1, Folder 3  Obstetrics lecture notes by Professor Flint, 1909
Box 1, Folder 4  Physiology notebook by Jacob H. Hirshkowitz, undated
Box 1, Folder 5  Physiological chemistry notebook, undated
Box 1, Folder 7  Chemistry notebook, undated
Box 2, Folder 1  [Narcotics?], undated
Box 2, Folder 2  Applied pathology notebook, undated
Box 2, Folder 3  Chemical laboratory notebook, undated
Box 2, Folder 4  Physiological laboratory notebook and loose exercise handouts, undated
Box 2, Folder 5  Pathology drawing book, undated
Box 2, Folder 6  Article on insanity, undated
Box 3, Folder 1  Physiology notebook, undated
Box 3, Folder 2  Class notebook [chemistry?] and loose handouts, undated
Box 3, Folder 3  Obstetrics notebook, 1911
Box 3, Folder 4  Exam questions, loose notes and [medical lecture notes?] by Dr. Brooks and Dr. Smith, undated

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