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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Lisa Lindahl Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1352
Date:	2001 - 2003
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator:	Lindahl, Lisa
Language:	English Collection is in English.
Summary:	The collection documents the creation and marketing of the Compressure Comfort Bra, a bra designed to alleviate pain for women who have had breast cancer. The bra was developed in 2000 by Lisa Lindahl with physical therapist, Lesli Bell.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Archives Center in 2015 by Lisa Lindahl.

Materials in the Archives Center

Maidenform Collection (AC0585)

Jogbra, Inc. Records (AC1315)

Division of Medicine and Science Disability Reference Collection (AC1319)

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

In 1977 Lisa Lindahl, with Hinda Miller and Polly Palmer Smith, created the first sportsbra, called the Jogbra. In 2000, Lindahl partnered with Lesli Bell, a physical therapist looking to create a garment for women suffering from edema following breast cancer surgery. The two developed the Compressure Comfort Bra and founded the company Bellisse to sell their product.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of newspaper and magazine articles, a DVD, and promotional and marketing materials relating to a compressure comfort bra Lindahl designed for use by patients with edema following breast cancer surgery.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Brassieres -- 20th century
- Breast -- Cancer
- Edema
- Medical innovations
- Sports bra

Types of Materials:

- Articles -- 20th century
- DVDs
- Promotional literature

Names:

- Bell, Lesli
- Bellisse

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1 Compressure Comfort Bra Materials, 2001 - 2003