

Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital collection, 1920-1973

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital
Title	Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital collection
Dates	1920-1973 (inclusive) 1920 1973 1920-1960 (bulk) 1920 1960
Quantity	2 linear feet, (2 boxes)
Collection Number	2000-001
Summary	The Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital, in Salem, OR, began admitting patients in 1910 and later merged with the University of Oregon Medical School State Tuberculosis Hospital. The collection contains reports, birth certificate books, admissions and discharges, scrapbooks, photographs, and correspondence.
Repository	Oregon Health & Science University, Historical Collections & Archives OHSU Historical Collections & Archives Oregon Health & Science University 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd. MC:LIB Portland, OR 97239 Telephone: 503-418-2287 hcaref@ohsu.edu
Access Restrictions	Some materials in this collection may be restricted due to the presence of protected health information (PHI) or other confidential information. Please contact Historical Collections & Archives for more details regarding access.
Languages	English

Content Description

The Tuberculosis Hospital collection consists of photographs and scrapbooks, hospital record books and correspondence pertaining to the operation, staffing and publicity of the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital, and its assimilation into the University of Oregon Medical School. The majority of the materials are dated between the early 1920s and mid 1960s. Photographs were either loose-leaf, or were taken from one of three scrapbooks detailing the history of the hospital. Record books are dated from 1939 to 1973.

Historical Note

In 1894, construction was started in Salem on a building designated to be the Oregon Mute School. The school was abandoned only a short time later because of a lack of adequate roads to its relatively

secluded location. Its empty buildings were used to house the newly commissioned Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital, which began admitting patients in November of 1910.

H. J. Clement, M.D., was superintendent in 1910 and 1911, and administered the medical program and business. Several new buildings were completed during this period. Later, in 1913, G. C. Bellinger, M.D. became superintendent. He would remain superintendent until his retirement in 1954.

During the first few years, patients came very slowly, as the idea of a tuberculosis sanatorium was new to the public. Soon, however, the hospital was forced to form a waiting list as the demand for treatment exceeded the supply of beds. Starting from only fifty beds in 1910, Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital expanded to 120 beds in 1920, many of which were in open-air pavilions. For the next few decades, the hospital continued to have a significant waiting list, and so kept expanding with new pavilions.

In 1963, the State Legislature combined the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital in Salem with the University of Oregon Medical School State Tuberculosis Hospital, which was opened in 1939 on the University's Portland campus. As a result, patients located in the University State Tuberculosis Hospital on the Portland campus were transferred to the State Hospital in Salem.

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Tuberculosis Hospital Collection was found in a storage closet on the Oregon Health & Science University campus. The records were given to Christine Slusarenko, Director of Health Information Services, who transferred them to the OHSU Archives on March 3, 2000. The collection was processed by the OHSU Special Collections staff August 2001.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	

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4 1	Assorted oversized photographs, showing mostly buildings and grounds, with some patients visible (includes one photograph of University State Tuberculosis Hospital) (MEDIATED ACCESS)	1920, 1938, undated
3 1	Assorted photographs, generally showing patients (MEDIATED ACCESS)	1939, 1951, 1962, undated
3 2-3	Assorted photographs showing buildings, grounds, wildlife, and staff (2 folders) (includes photographs of University State Tuberculosis Hospital showing footbridge)	undated
4 2	Correspondence, annual report, service award programs, and publications such as "Campusgram," "What's Going On?," and "Oregon Pulse"	1922, 1932-1945, 1960-1967
4 3	Fifty-year history, staff list with costs, correspondence, reports, publicity letters and aerial photograph, publications such as "Health Pilot" and "Leslie Broadcaster"	1910-1916, 1925-1961
4 4	News clippings	1931-1939, 1952-1967
4 6-7	Operation ledgers (2 volumes) (RESTRICTED)	1937-1965
1 2	Outpatient records notebook (RESTRICTED)	1957-1961
3 4-7	Scrapbook photographs showing buildings, grounds, wildlife, staff, and patients (4 folders) (MEDIATED ACCESS)	1930-1939
3 8	Slides showing model of a chapel and neighboring shops	undated
4 5	Scrapbook items, including letters, clippings, "Campusgrams," and Christmas Seals certificates	1910, 1928, 1947, 1956-1966
Volume		
1 1-5	University Tuberculosis Hospital: Admissions and discharges ledgers (5 volumes) (RESTRICTED)	1955-1973
Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 1	University Tuberculosis Hospital: Birth certificate books (RESTRICTED)	1950-1955
	Volume	
2 1-4	University Tuberculosis Hospital: Surgery log books (4 volumes) (RESTRICTED)	1939-1974, 1957-1963

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Chronic Disease
Hospital Administration
Hospitals
Outpatient Clinics, Hospital
Tuberculosis

Corporate Names :

University of Oregon Medical School. Tuberculosis Hospital

Geographical Names :

Oregon

Form or Genre Terms :

clippings (information artifacts)
Hospital Records
photographs
scrapbooks

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