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Hertig Collection

Date of Records: 1927-1979

Size: 13 Boxes

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Series/Scope and Content Note: This collection primarily documents Hertig’s hydatidiform mole study, a project for the American Registry of Pathology which led to an Armed Forces Institute of Pathology tumor fascicle. Hertig, an embryologist, primatologist, and Armed Forces Institute of Pathology consultant, was awarded the Gold-Headed Cane Award. There is also material on ob-gyn studies. The material was collected as part of the Registry of Noteworthy Research in Pathology project. Materials include patient records, notes, drafts, lectures, awards, photographs, three bound volumes of reprints, and a Yakovlev autopsy manual. This collection is partially restricted because it contains medical records.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

00001: Primary Human Oocyte manuscript and draft for the *American Journal of Anatomy*. Includes Correspondence.

00002: Gold Headed Cane Award material, April 1979.


00005: Manuscript, plates and proofs: “Ultrastructure of Quiescent Oocytes of Cebus Albifrons”. Includes Correspondence.

Box 002:

00001: Material pertaining to “The Female Genital Tract of the Owl Monkey (Aotus Trivirgatus)
with Special Reference to the Ovary,” Hertig et. al., Laboratory Animal Science, 1976.


00004: Manuscript and drafts: “Carcinoma in situ of the Primate Uterus....”


00006: Prints and negatives: “Searching for Early Fertilized Human Ova.”

00007: Manuscript and correspondence: “Human Trophoblast, Good, Bad and Indifferent.”

00008: Draft and photographs: “Human Trophoblast, Good, Bad and Indifferent.”

**Box 003:**


00003: Draft and prints: “Studies on the Human Oocyte and Its Follicle.”


00005: Final copy, prints, and original manuscript: “Studies on the Human Corpus Luteum: I...”


00007: Carbon and final copy: “Studies on the Corpus Luteum: II...”

**Box 004:**

00001: Photographs (1 of 3) [**Note: these three folders of photographs and accompanying materials were found loose in the front of the box and foldered for preservation purposes]

00002: Photographs (2 of 3)

00003: Photographs (3 of 3)

00004: Cervix-Text

00005: Cervix-Text Figures

00006: Cervix-Plates

00007: Endomyometrium-Text

00008: Endomyometrium-Plates

**Box 005:**

00001: Hydatidiform Mole and Choriocarcinoma

00002: Ovary-Text Part 1
00003: Ovary-Text part 2
00004: Ovary-Plates
00005: Pelvic Supporting Tissue
00006: Tube-Text and Plates
00007: Vagina-Uterus
00008: Vulva-Vagina-Text
00009: Vulva-Vagina-Plates
00010: Colored Plates [Vulva]

Boxes 006-010: **Restricted**

00001: Patient Records-Hyatidiform Mole Study

Box 011:

00001: Mole Index for Dr. Hertig’s Study
00002: Moles and Chorio-epitheliomas - inside and outside cases. Original data.
00003: Spontaneous Miscarriage-1934 **Restricted**
00004: Chorio-epithelioma and hyatidiform mole
00005: [Patient’s name], S-39-1068; 1940, Chorio-epithelioma
00006: Septic Outbreak - BLIH(Boston Lying-in Hospital - as given at Springfield, June 1936 - Dr. Hertig
00007: Johns-Hopkins Moles[case histories]
00008: Typed manuscript on the Ovary, 127pp.
00009: Set of photographs and accompanying descriptions - Tumors of the Fallopian Tubes and Ovaries
00010: Protocol for the Collaborative Study of Cerebral Palsy, empty folder that contained the material from Folders 11 and 12
00011: Protocol for the Collaborative Study of Cerebral Palsy - Autopsy forms, Maternal and Infant Health, includes autopsy instructions
00012: Abortion for MIH (Maternal and Infant Health); includes “Procedures for Removal of the Brain at Autopsy,” by Paul I. Yakovlev, M. D., and “Manual for the Examination of the Placenta,” by Kurt Banirschke, BLIH

Box 012: **Handle with Care - Glass inside

00005: Gestational Hyperplasia of Endometrium, a Morphologic Correlation of Ova, Endometrium, and
Corpora Lutea during Early Pregnancy,” by Arthur T. Hertig, reprinted from Laboratory Investigation, October, 1964


00007: Lectures - Abortion
00008: Lecture II - Third year obs.-Dr. Hertig-Hyatidiform Moles and Chorionepithelioma
00009: Blighted Ovum, Pathology of. “Popular Lecture” - Students

Box 013:

00002: Patient Record Cards: “Cases Rev’d Ca in Situ;“ Cases Reviewed and Rejected;” Two stacks of cards with numbers (may be used cases) with correspondence attached to some; “Endometrial Carcinoma, alphabetical arrangement of cases”
00003: Two stacks of cards: “Bibliography - Genesis of Endometrial Ca, I, II, III”
00004: Collection of Plates of Early Human Embryos, Normal and Abnormal, with descriptions, used by Hertig and John Rock from 1938 to 1953
00005: Spontaneous Abortions - 1,000 cases with original correspondence and histories looked at by Hertig and his residents, Boston Lying-in Hospital. Cases A thru E **Restricted**

Box 14: **Restricted**

Manuscript Material: Hyatidiform Mole Study

Folders:
1. Spontaneous Abortions: Cases F thru G
2. Spontaneous Abortions: Cases H thru K
3. Spontaneous Abortions: Cases L thru S
4. Spontaneous Abortions: Cases T thru Z

Box 15:

Manuscript Material: Hyatidiform Mole Study

Folders:
2. Master List of Moles
3. Pathology: Mole Index to Slides Received
4. Mole Bibliography/Summary of Literature
5. Benign Moles, Group I, II, III
6. Potentially Malignant Moles, Group IV
7. Chorio-epithelioma arising from conditions other than HN
8. Malignant Moles, Group V and VI, original tabulation by Walter Sheldon
9. Black three ring binder with notes by Hertig on:
   - Review of Choriocarcinoma
   - Chorio-adenoma Destruens
   - Chorio-epithelioma with local invasion
   - Syncytial Endometritides
   - Benign V
   - Benign IV
   - Loose record cards and papers
10. Photographs demonstrating early phases of cervical and endometrial cancer
11. Fascicle Photographs - Tumors of Pregnancy, Hydatidiform Mole #65
12. Hertig’s graphic reconstruction of Fallopian Tube, Cushing operation, published in mid-1930s by Dr. Fox (drawing by Miss Piotti at Harvard)

Unboxed:

Three bound volumes of reprints