

Dr. Abraham Nathan Kaplan Papers

Dates Created: 1929-1997

Bulk Dates: 1929-1931 and 1979-1985

Date Donated: August 2021

Extent: 1.8 linear feet (2 Clamshell boxes, 2 DVD archival storage boxes)

Creators: Kaplan, Abraham Nathan

Subjects:

Kaplan, Abraham Nathan; University of Maryland, Baltimore; University of Maryland, Baltimore. School of Medicine; Medical education.; Medical education--History.; Medical records.

Abstract:

Dr. Abraham Nathan Kaplan was a general practitioner from Brooklyn, New York. The Abraham Nathan Kaplan Papers contain class notes from his time at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) dating from 1929 to 1931, biographical information dating from 1929 to 1997, and patient medical records dating from 1979 to 1985. The class notes cover Physiology, Preventative Medicine, Mental Hygiene, Clinical Medicine, Psychiatry, as well as Ear, Nose and Throat courses. The medical records are restricted.

Biographical History:

Dr. Abraham Nathan Kaplan was born in 1906 to Jewish-Russian immigrants; the family moved to Brooklyn, New York when Kaplan was a child. He earned his medical degree from the University of Maryland, School of Medicine in 1932 and completed his residency in Brooklyn. He married Gertrude Eisenberg and had two children: Melvin Lawrence Kaplan, UMSOM Class of 1980, and Bonnie M. Kaplan. Dr. Kaplan was a general practitioner but also had a specialization in urology and practiced for 52 years. He died in Longwood, FL on November 5, 1996.

Scope and Content:

4 boxes

The bulk of this collection contains lecture notes from Dr. Kaplan's time as a student at UMSOM from 1929 to 1931. There are also a large number of medical records from Dr. Kaplan's practice in Brooklyn. These records are not available for research or use because of the United States Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The collection is divided into three series: 1) Lecture Notes, 1929-1931; 2) Biographical Notes 1929-1932 and 1996-1997; and 3) Medical Records 1979-1985 (restricted).

Series:

Series 1 – Lecture Notes, 1929-1931

2 boxes, 65 folders

Series 1 contains lecture notes from Dr. Abraham N. Kaplan time as a student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. The majority of the accessible collection falls in this series. The class notes date from April 1929 to April 1931. The notes are organized in original order and include notes from physiology, preventative medicine, mental hygiene, psychiatry, nose & throat, eye, physical diagnosis, and clinical medicine classes as well as physiology lab reports. Most of the notes do not mention the name of the teaching faculty members with the exception of Dr. Devell (physiology lab), Dr. [C. Hampson] Jones (Preventative Medicine), Dr. McClane, and Dr. Ford (both Physical Diagnosis).

Container List:

Box 1

Folders 1-9: Physiology, April – May 1929 (9 folders)

Folders 10-11: Physiology Study notes, no dates (2 folders)

Folders 12-21: Physiology, October 1929– January 1930 (10 folders)

Folders 22-30: Physiology Lab Reports Term 1, April – May 1929 (9 folders)

Folders 31-37: Preventative Medicine, Mental Hygiene, Psychiatry, October 1930 – April 1931 (7 folders)

Box 2

Folders 38-40: Nose & Throat, March – May 1931 (3 folders)

Folders 41-44: Ear, October 1930 – January 1931 (4 folders)

Folder 45-48: Eye, February – April 1931 (4 folders)

Folder 49-50: Mental Hygiene, October – December 1930 (2 Folders)

Folder 51-52: Psychiatry, October 1930 – January 1931 (2 Folders)

Folder 53-61: Physical Diagnosis, October 1930 – April 1931 (9 folders)

Folder 62-65: Clinical Medicine, October 1929 – January 1930 (4 folders)

Series 2 – Biographical Notes, 1929-1932 and 1996-1997

3 folders

Series 2 contains biographical information about Dr. Abraham N. Kaplan. It includes items from Dr. Kaplan's time at the University of Maryland, including a 1929 class photograph. The series also includes memorial materials and obituaries following Dr. Kaplan's death in 1996. It contains a folder of family photographs received from Bonnie Kaplan, daughter of Dr. Kaplan, at the time of donation; the family retained the originals.

Box 2

Container List:

Folder 66: 1929 Class Photograph

Folder 67: Grade Record

Folder 68: Memorials

Folder 69: Photographs (scans from Bonnie Kaplan, daughter of Dr. Kaplan, originals kept by the family)

Loose Items: 2 paperweights with Davidge Hall Seal

Series 3 – Medical Records, 1979-1985 -- Restricted

Boxes 3-4 (2 boxes)

This series contains two boxes of note cards and medical records of Dr. Abraham N. Kaplan's patients. The note cards were created while Dr. Kaplan was a physician in Brooklyn, New York. The series is restricted and unavailable for use because of HIPAA laws.

Arrangement: Original order when possible; Otherwise thematic and chronological

Access Restrictions: Series 1 and 2 are open for research. Series 3 is restricted due to HIPAA regulations and will be revisited after 2050.

Language: English

Custodial History: Dr. Abraham N. Kaplan's daughter Bonnie Kaplan had the materials in her home until donating the items to the Health Sciences and Human Services Library in 2021.

Acquisition: Collection was donated in two parts by Bonnie Kaplan, daughter of Abraham N. Kaplan, to the Health Sciences and Human Services Library. The first set of materials (lecture notes and medical records) were received August 4, 2021 and the second set of materials (biographical materials) were received August 20, 2021.

Sources Used:

Biographical notes were taken from the Center for Brooklyn History,
<https://brooklynhistory.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/06D6685A-18D6-4016-B119-533699337505>

Related Collections and Materials:

Kaplan Collection at the University of Central Florida: <https://stars.library.ucf.edu/kaplan/>

Kaplan Collection at the Center for Brooklyn History:
<https://brooklynhistory.pastperfectonline.com/byperson?keyword=Kaplan%2C%20Abraham%20Nathan%2C%201906-1996>

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