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**Finding Aid To
THE MARY ALLEN ENGLE, MD (1922-2008) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1948-1991**

**52.5 Linear Inches
(11 Boxes)**

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NOTE OF PROVENANCE

Dr. Mary Engle gave the papers to the Medical Center Archives. Some of the papers have been pulled to create a collection of Department of Pediatric Cardiology Records.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Mary Allen English was born in January 26, 1922 in Madill, Oklahoma and was raised in Dallas, Texas. She married Ralph Engle in 1945. Both she and her husband were on staff at New York Hospital and Cornell University Medical College. She received a BA degree from Baylor University in 1942 and her MD from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1945. She did part of her residency in Baltimore, MD. From 1947-1948, she worked with Dr. Helen B. Taussig as a Fellow in Pediatric Cardiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Taussig was a pioneer in the field of pediatric cardiology and blue baby research. She followed her husband to New York Hospital as an Assistant Resident in 1948 and rose in the ranks to Attending Pediatrician in 1962. At the Cornell University Medical College, she began as an Instructor in Pediatrics and rose in the ranks to Professor of Pediatrics in 1969. In 1949-1950, she worked as a fellow in Pediatrics Cardiology and in Pharmacology with Dr. Henry Gold. In 1949-1969, she was the Director of Pediatric Electrocardiography and from 1952-1955, she served as the Medical Director of the Institute in the Care of Premature Infants. She was the director of Pediatric Phonocardiography from 1958-1969. In 1962, she became the first Director of Department of Pediatric Cardiology. In 1979, she became the Stavros S. Niarchos Professor of Pediatric Cardiology.

She was a pioneer in Pediatric Cardiology. She won the M.R. Greenberg Distinguished Service Award in 1991. In 1973, she established the Greek Children Cardiac Program to send Greek children to the United States for cardiac diagnosis and surgery.

She was involved in numerous societies and wrote 350 publications.

She died January 27, 2008 of breast cancer.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE:

The collection has been broken up into five series: World Conference of Pediatric Cardiology, Malpractice Lawsuits, Patient Cases, Research Files, and Reprints.

World Conference of Pediatric Cardiology, 1985-1989

Dr. Engle served on the board of the Second World Conference of Pediatric Cardiology held in 1985. This series contains material on both the Second and Third World Conferences.

Malpractice Lawsuits, 1950-1982

New York Hospital and Dr. Mary Engle were involved in a malpractice lawsuit regarding the hospital's participation in a 1952 Co-op study researching the relationship between oxygen and Retrolental Fibroplasia, an illness that causes blindness in premature infants. Another malpractice lawsuit was Anderson vs. New York Hospital in which a pediatric cardiac patient sued Dr. Engle. She lost both cases. The series is arranged chronologically.

Patient Cases, 1960-1965

The series, arranged alphabetically by subject, contains phonograms of patient suffering from various heart diseases. [This series is restricted under the federal regulation, HIPAA.]

Research Files, 1948-198

This series, arranged alphabetically by subject, includes data on coarctation of aorta and postpericardiotomy syndrome research.

Reprints, 1948-1991

This series, arranged chronologically, has articles and illustrations for Dr. Engle pediatric cardiovascular research.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1: WORLD CONFERENCE OF PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

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Second World Conference of Pediatric Cardiology

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| 1 | Abstracts, 1985 |
| 2 | By-Laws and Certificate of Incorporation, 1982 |
| 3 | Correspondence, 1985 |
| 4 | Dissolution, 1987 |
| 5 | Final Report, 1985 |
| 6 | Program, 1985 |

Third World Conference of Pediatric Cardiology

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| 7 | Abstracts, 1989 |
| 8 | Program, 1989 |

BOX 1: MALPRATICE LAWSUITS

Folder Description

Retrolental Fibroplasia Malpractice Lawsuit

- 9 History of the Case, 1986
- 10 Oxygen Study, 1952-1953
- 11 Co-operative Study, 1953-1975
- 12 Articles on RLF, 1950's-1960's

BOX 2: MALPRATICE LAWSUITS

Folder Description

Retrolental Fibroplasia Malpractice Lawsuit

- 1 Articles on RLF, 1970's-80's
- 2 Cases involved in the RLF lawsuits, 1975-1979
- 3 Berkowitz-Burton Correspondence, Pre-Trial, 1975-1980
- 4 Dr. Engle's deposition/examination, transcript, 1977
- 5 Notes during trial, comments on RLF Co-op study.
- 6 Notes of trial testimony, 1981
- 7 Notes and summary of witnesses, 1981
- 8 Notes regarding the Family Circle Magazine article written after the trial, 1981
- 9 Personal letters written after the trial, 1981
- 10 Statement of Dr. Thompson and Dean Meikle made after the trial, 1981
- 11 Appeal, Briefs, 1981.
- 11a Appeal, 1982

Anderson vs. NYH Malpractice Lawsuit

- 12 Dr. Engle's deposition, 1986
- 13 Lawsuit, 1986

BOX 11: MALPRACTICE LAWSUITS

3 volumes of the Record of Appeal, RLF Lawsuit, 1981

BOX 3: PATIENT CASES (Restricted)

Folder Description

- 1 Atrial Septal Defect first cases operated upon in open-heart surgery at NYH, n.d.
- 2 Patient, medical records, n.d.

Phonograms

- 3 Aortic Stenosis, 1960-1965
- 4 ASD, 1960-1965
- 5 Innocent Murmur, 1960-1965
- 6 PDA, 1960-1965
- 7 PS, 1960-1965
- 8 VSD, 1960-1965

BOX 4: RESEARCH FILES

Folder Description

Coarctation of Aorta Research

- 1 Growth charts, 1948-1953
- 2 Early studies with follow up, 1960-1963
- 3-4 Studies, 1971-1975
- 5 Hypertension, 1975-1976
- 6 Studies, n.d.
- 7 Data in infancy, n .d.

- 8 Congenital Heart Disease, autopsies reports, 1949-1950
- 9 Correlation of Electrocardiographic and Echocardiographic Changes in Kawaski Syndrome, 1988.

BOX 5: RESEARCH FILES

Folder Description

- 1 Current Experience w/ Blalock Taussig Shunts, 1972
- 2 Endowgocardial Abnormalities, n.d.
- 3 Post Myocardial Infraction Syndrome, 1977

Pulmonic Stenosis Study

- 4 1948-1949
- 5 Electrocardiographic Evaluation, Data, n.d.

Postpericardiotomy Syndrome Research

- 6 Patients, early research, 1958-1963
- 7 Analysis of Cumulative Data, 1971-1974
- 8 PIN, 1971-1974
- 9 Protocols, 1971-75
- 10 Chronocook order, 1972-1977
- 11 Database Prospective Study, 1972
- 12 Infants, 1972-77
- 13 Patient Data, 1972

BOX 6: RESEARCH FILES

Folder Description

Postpericardiotomy Syndrome Research

- 1 Patient Data, 1973
- 2 Protocols, Statistical Data, 1973-1978
- 3 Seasonal Incidence, Pericardial Disease, 1973-1980
- 4 1974
- 5 1975
- 6 1976
- 7 CRC annual report, 1976
- 8 1977
- 9 Antiheart antibodies, 1977
- 10 Children, 1977
- 11 Immunologic Studies, 1977
- 12-13 1978
- 14 Adults Surgical Cases, 1978
- 15 Adults, no PPS, 1978

BOX 7: RESEARCH FILES

Folder Description

Postpericardiotomy Syndrome Research

- 1 Database, 1978
- 2 Malformations, 1978
- 3 PPS and Age, data from slides, 1978

4	Adults, 1979
5	Adults, Intermed. 1979
6	Adults, Negative, 1979
7	Adults, Positive, 1979
8-9	Children, 1979
10	Greek and Caribbean, 1979
11	Viruses, 1979-1980
12	1980-1981
13	Adults, 1980
14	Adults, Negative, 1980
15	Adults, Possible or Definite, 1980
16	CRC Annual Reports, 1980-81
17	Pediatrics, 1980
18	Children, 1981

BOX 8: REPRINTS

Folder	Description
1	Reprints, 1948-1959
2	Ebstein's Anomaly of the Tricuspid Valve... illustrations, 1950
3	Pulmonic Stenosis, illustrations, 1950
4	Primary Malignant Tumor of the Heart in Infancy, illustrations, 1955
5	Reprints, 1960-1964
6	Congenital Insufficiency of the Pulmonic Valve..., illustrations, 1961
7	Familial Congenital Complete Heart Block, illustrations, 1961
8	Lesions of Aortic Integrity, illustrations, 1961
9	Truncus Insufficiency Common..., illustrations, 1963
10	Treatment of the Failing Heart, illustrations, 1964
11	Reprints, 1965-1969
12	Postpericardiotomy Syndrome, A Six Year Epidemiologic Study, illustrations, 1965
13	Pseudocoarctation of Aorta..., illustrations, 1969
14	Reprints, 1970-1972

BOX 9: REPRINTS

Folder	Description
1	Obstructive Lesions of the Circulation, illustrations, 1970
2	Reprints, 1973-1976
3	Postpericardiotomy Syndrome Research, illustrations, 1973
4	Correspondence regarding articles and reprints, 1974
5	Oral History of American Cardiology, 1974
6	Postpericardiotomy syndrome and Antiheart Antibodies, illustrations, 1974

- 7 Heart Reactive Antibody, Viral Illness and the Postpericardiotomy Syndrome, illustrations, 1976
- 8 Postpericardiotomy and Similar Syndromes, illustrations, 1976
- 9 Reprints, 1977-1979
- 10 Pediatric Conference Long Term Results of Surgery for Congenital Heart Disease, 1977.
- 11 Postpericardiotomy Syndrome Then and Now, illustrations, 1978
- 12 Spontaneous Closure of Atrial Septal Defect w/ Cardiac Failure in Infancy, illustrations, 1979
- 13 Streptococcal Disease and the Immune Response, illustrations, 1979
- 14 Postpericardiotomy publications, illustrations, 1979
- 15 Publication List, 1979
- 16 References for 1979 publications on PPS
- 17 Reprints, 1980-81
- 18 Clinical Immunology of the Heart, 1980
- 19 Congenital Heart Disease, 1980
- 19a Pericardium Symposium on Historical Perspectives, May 1980.
- 20 Postpericardiotomy Syndrome Iatrogenic Illness w/ Immunologic and Virologic Components, 1980
- 21 Viral Illness and the Postpericardiotomy Syndrome, illustrations, 1980
- 22 Immunologic Considerations in the Postpericardiotomy Syndrome, 1981

BOX 10: REPRINTS

Folder Description

- 1 Reprints, 1982-1991
- 2 The Pregnant Adolescent w/ Heart Disease, illustrations, 1984
- 3 Atrial Septal Defect in Adults Usual Presentation and Clinical Features, 1988
- 4 Congenital Heart Disease After Childhood, 22nd Bethesda Conference, October 1990
- 5 The Growth of International Pediatric Cardiology: A Memorial Tribute to Dr. Helen Taussig and Dr. John Nichoyannopoulos, 1992
- 6 Congenital Aorta Regurgitation, illustrations, n.d.
- 7 Correspondence regarding reprints, n.d.
- 8 Congenital Malformation of the Heart, Adults, n.d.
- 9 Historical Aspects of Cardiac Diagnosis and Management, n.d.
- 10-11 Postpericardiotomy Syndrome in Adults, illustrations, n.d.
- 12 Postpericardiotomy Syndrome, illustrations, n.d.
- 13 Problems and Solutions In Care of the Child with Heart Disease: Rheumatic Fever and Congenital Heart Disease, n.d.