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**Finding Aid To
THE GEORGE PAPANICOLAOU, MD (1883-1962)
PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1910-1983**

**42.5 Linear Inches
(6 Boxes)**

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Provenance

This collection has been assembled by the Medical Archives from a series of separate accessions. Materials relative to the Course on Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer given by Dr. Papanicolaou, biographical information, photos, cytology lab files and reprints were generously donated to the Medical Archives by Dr. John Seybolt. The remainder of the material was donated by various Center offices or was gathered by the Archivist as the events unfolded.

Biography

Born	May 13, 1883, Kymi, Greece
1904	Doctor of Medicine degree, University of Athens
1910	Doctor of Philosophy degree (Zoology) University of Munich
	Sept. 10 married Andromaque (Mary) Mavroyeni
1911	Oceanographic Institute of Monaco, Dir. of Physiology
1912-13	Army Physician for Greece in Balkan War
1913	Arrives in America. Received part-time job in Dept. of Pathology at New York Hospital
1914	Sept., Research biologist in Dept. of Anatomy of CUMC
1916	Instructor, Dept. of Anatomy
1923	Asst. Professor, Dept. of Anatomy.
1925 (et.)	Tests vaginal smear technique on patients of Woman's Clinic, NYH.
1928	Delivers paper on "New Cancer Diagnosis" at Third Race Betterment Conference
1938	Assoc. Prof. of Anatomy
1939-40	Begins to devote full time to study of cytologic methods with Dr. Herbert F. Traut, Dept. of Ob/Gyn.
1941	Commonwealth Fund gives first grant, for \$1800
1943	<u>Diagnosis of Uterine Cancer by the Vaginal Smear</u> published (with Traut). Dr. Traut leaves to become Head of Ob/Gyn at University of California. Dr. Andrew Marchetti (Ob/Gyn) begins work on the project.
1947	Dr. Marchetti leaves to head dept. at Georgetown University - Becomes Prof. of Clinical Anatomy
1948	<u>The Epithelia of Woman's Reproductive Organs</u> by Papanicolaou, Traut and Marchetti is published.
1951	Becomes Emeritus Professor of Clinical Anatomy, devotes teaching time to Course in Exfoliative Cytology.
1954	<u>Atlas of Exfoliative Cytology</u> is published with supplements in 1956 and 1960.

1961 Oct., moves to Miami to become Director of the
Papanicolaou Cancer Research Clinic.
1962 Feb. 18, dies of myocardial infarction at home in Miami
1982 Oct. 14, Mary Papanicolaou dies in Miami

Awards and Honors

Borden Award (1948)
Amory Award (1950)
First Award of the Order of AHEPA (1951)
Honor Medal of the American Cancer Society (1952)
Wien Award of Exfoliative Cytology (1953)
Cross of the Grand Commander of the Royal Order of Phoenix, from
the King of Greece (1953).
Modern Medicine Award for distinguished achievement (1954)
The Bertner Award
(1955) The Passano
Award (1956)
The Lasker Award of the American Public Health Association (1950)
The Clement Cleveland Award (1960)
The Royal Order of George I from the Greek Government (1957)

Scope and Content

The Papanicolaou collection consists of a few files created during the course of Dr. Papanicolaou's work at Cornell (Box 1 and Box 2, f.1-6), some of his publications (box 3 and 4) reprints relating to cancer and cytology by Drs. Nathan Chandler Foot and Irena Koprowska, and files concerning events honoring Dr. Papanicolaou (Box 2). The latter were created or collected by the Medical Archives.

The first series of files (from the Cytology lab) includes a folder called "Lists of Cases" dating from 1945-1946. This contains the patients' names (male and female), the smear results, and the later determination relative to cancer. Due to HIPAA, Privacy Rule, this file is restricted and cannot be viewed without permission of the Archivist and possibly the hospital's institutional review board.

Non-Manuscript Material

There is a great deal of non manuscript material connected with this collection. Box 6 contains academic regalia Dr. Papanicolaou wore to receive honorary degrees from the University of Athens, the University of Turin and the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia.

Several photographs of Dr. Papanicolaou, Mary Papanicolaou, and the Cytology lab, and group pictures of the Exfoliative Cytology

have been added to the personal photographic collections. See photo catalog. Dr. Papanicolaou's microscope is also held by the Archives.

In Jan. of 1984, Dr. J. Lee Sedwitz donated a 17 minute video film on the life of Dr. Papanicolaou to the Medical Archives. This is with the Archives' other film material.

Subjects

Awards Ceremonies
Cytology
Foot, Nathan Chandler
Koprowska, Irena
Public Affairs
Reprints

Container List

Box 1

- f.1 Biographical. Clippings, sketches, 1948 - 1961.
- f.2 Biographical. Clippings, articles and reminiscences, 1962 -1982.
- f.3 Clippings, originals.
- f.4 Conferences By Outside Groups on Cytology and Cancer-Programs, 1948-1955.
- f.5 Correspondence to Charlotte Street After Papanicolaou's Death, May-Sept. 1962, 1974.
- f.6 Course in Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer. Form letters and application. c. 1947.
- f.7 Course in Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer. Correspondence from those interested in attending. 1944 -1945.
- f.8 Course in Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer. Correspondence regarding "Application blanks sent to these". A - Z. 1947.
- f.9 Course in Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer. Correspondence from those interested in attending. A-G. 1946 -1947.
- f.10 Course in Cytologic...interested in attending. H-P. 1946 – 1947.
- f.11 Course in Cytologic...interested in attending. Q -Z. 1946 – 1947.

Box 2

- f.1 Course in Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer. Correspondence and applications from technicians wishing to attend. 1947 - 1949.
- f.2 Course in Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer. Lists of students attending. Sept. 1947.
- f.3 Course in Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer. Miscellaneous notes and correspondence. c. 1947.
- f.4 Letter of Appointment, July 1, 1951.
- f.5 Lists of Cases, 1945-1946 (Restricted)
- f.6 Organization of Cytological Diagnostic Center in Anatomy Department--Outline, c. 1949.
- f.7 Ceremonies at NYH-CMC regarding Commemorative Stamp. Notes and correspondence from files of Adele Lerner, Archivist NYH-CMC. Dec. 1977 -May 1978.
- f.8 Ceremonies at NYH-CMC regarding Commemorative Stamp. Public Affairs file, Dec. 1977 -Aug. 1978.
- f.9 Commemorative Stamp and Envelopes. May 18, 19, 1978.
- f.10 Ceremonies at NYH-CMC regarding Unveiling of bust— Correspondence and Programs, Oct. 1979 (Public Affairs file).
- f.11 Clippings regarding Pap Test, 1963 -1979.
- f.12 Correspondence regarding Dr. Papanicolaou with Dr. Carmichael and Mrs. Papanicolaou, 1962-1972. (Public Affairs file)
- f.13 "Dr. Papanicolaou with the Pap Smear and Asparagine, Asparaginase and Cancer"--Programs, Feb. 12, 1969.
- f.14 Exfoliative Cytology, Symposium on (CUMC). Including Papanicolaou Library, Dept., of Anatomy. Correspondence and publicity. Nov. 1968.
- f.15 Exhibit presented by Wood Library, CUMC. Miscellaneous. Nov. 1968.
- f.16 Greek Stamp, 1973.
- f.17 100th Anniversary Celebration of Dr. Papanicolaou's Birth- Press Releases, Correspondence regarding Greek Events, 1981-1983 (archives file),
- f.18 Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute. Clippings and publicity. 1962 -1969.
- f.19 Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute, Pres. Report, Spirit of Discovery, Newsletter, 1974 -1981.

Box 3

Bibliography, 1910-1962

Reprints by George N. Papanicolaou. 1910-1960

Reprints by others:

N. Chandler Foot, 1949-1959

Irena Koprowska, 1953

Others, 1940-1964

Reprints describing the "Surface-Biopsy," Cytology Method.

Box 4

Monographs:

The Pap Smear: Life of G. Papanicolaou, by Dr. D.E. Carmichael, 1973, with an inscription by Mrs. Papanicolaou (2 copies).

Atlas of Exfoliative Cytology G.N. Papanicolaou, 1954, with supplements (2 copies).

The Epithelia of Woman's Reproductive Organs, by George N. Papanicolaou, Herbert F. Traut and Andrew A. Marchette, 1948. (2 copies).

Diagnosis of Uterine Cancer by the Vaginal Smear, by George Papanicolaou and H. Traut, 1943

Box 5

Duplicates and Exhibit Material

Box 6

Academic regalia worn for honorary degrees: Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, University of Athens and University of Turin