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Dr. Fritz Fuchs donated his records to the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center Archives on June 20, 1989.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Dr. Fuchs was born in Frederiksberg, Denmark on November 27, 1918. He received a medical degree from University of Copenhagen and Karolinska Institute, Stockholm Sweden in 1944. After working in various hospitals in Denmark and Sweden, Dr. Fuchs immigrated to the United States in 1965 when he became the Obstetrician and Gynecologist in Chief at the New York Hospital and the first Given Foundation Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Cornell University Medical College. He married Anna-Riitta Olsson, a chemist and reproduction physiologist from Finland in 1948. In 1977, he became the first Percy Uris Professor of Reproductive Biology. In 1978, he retired from his chair of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Cornell.

He was an internationally known obstetrician and gynecologist. In 1960, in Denmark, he worked with Povl Riis to perform the first amniocentesis for diagnosing a genetic disorder in a fetus. He, his wife, and other Danish collaborators also discovered the amniotic fluid could be used to determine the sex and blood type of the fetus. He continued this groundbreaking work with mid-trimester amniocentesis at the New York Hospital.

He also studied the mechanism of labor and the prevention of premature labor. Dr. Fuchs discovered a treatment for the prevention of premature labor by ejecting the mother intravenously with a 10 percent solution of alcohol. His wife was the first to discover that alcohol prevents labor in rabbits by blocking the release of hormone oxytocin. He also opened a family planning clinic at the hospital.

He also introduced to the United States the laparoscope, which is used for viewing, or performing surgery on organs.

The Queen Margrethe of Denmark knighted him for his medical service in 1978. He died in February 1995 at the age of 76.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE:

The Fritz Fuchs Papers are organized into three series: General Correspondence (1960-1989) and Foreign Correspondence (1956-1988) are maintained in the order organized by Dr. Fuchs. A third miscellaneous file contains photographs and books organized by the Assistant Archivist.
Series I: General Correspondence, 1960-1989

This series, arranged alphabetically by subject, contains his domestic correspondence with his colleagues, pharmaceutical companies, grant agencies, professional societies, and publishers from 1960-1989. Some of the files including Human Rights in Research Committee, March of Dimes, NIH, National Science Foundation, and Parke Davis contain protocols and other material about his landmark research projects in the areas of endocrinology of pregnancy, premature labor, and amniocentesis.

Series II: Foreign Correspondence, 1956-1988

This series, arranged alphabetically by subject, contains correspondence with foreign colleagues, publishing companies, pharmaceutical companies, and professional societies from 1956-1988. Many of the letters are written in a foreign language mostly Danish, Swedish, and German. These records can give insight to the OB/GYN field on the international level.


This series, arranged chronologically, contains reprints, papers, and books written by Dr. Fuchs and his wife.

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BOX 17: SERIES II: FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, 1956-1988
FILES, U-Z

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Kobenhavens Universitete, 1965
Valesquez, Rosemary, 1980
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Zakut, H., 1975
Zander, Joe, 1964-1980
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Zichella, Lucio, 1979-1985
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**BOX 17: SERIES III: REPRINTS AND PUBLICATIONS, 1960-1983**

Fuchs, Fritz, Editor. *Advance Abstracts of Short Communications.*
Copenhagen, Denmark: Periodica, 1960.

**BOX 20: SERIES III: REPRINTS AND PUBLICATIONS, 1960-1983**

1. Correspondence regarding articles, 1964-1976
5. Articles that referenced Fuch's work, 1969-1976
6. Opening Exercises, Address, September 8, 1969
8. Figo Conference, Tokyo, October 1979
11. Ethanol Prevention for Preterm Birth, n.d.


2-4. Premature Birth, n.d
5. Premature Birth Prevention, n.d.
6. Treatment of Premature Labor with Alcohol or Ethanol, n.d.

**BOX 18: PHOTOGRAPHS**

1. Caldeyro-Barcia, Roberto
2. Ishikawa, Mutsuo and Fritz Fuchs, ca. 1982
3. Projecto De Assistencia Materro-Infantil in Brazil, 1978

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PROVENANCE:

The Fuchs family donated these records in 06/11 and 8/3/2015 along with papers of his wife Anna Riis Fuchs. There was another collection donated by Dr. Fuchs so this collection is being processed as an addendum to that collection.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

See other finding aid.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection along with the original collection from Dr. Fuchs provides an excellent overview of Dr. Fuchs professional life at the medical center. There is not much documentation of his personal life. This collection has been divided into the following series: General Correspondence (1963-1993), Foreign Correspondence (1953-1992), Foreign Personnel Files (1969-1992), Professional Activities (1957-1986), Legal Cases (1980-1989), Speeches, Manuscripts and Reprints (1950-1989), and Miscellaneous (1945-1991).

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS:

The legal files are protected by HIPAA since they deal with his testimony as an expert witness for various patients.

LANGUAGE OF MATERIAL:

English.

PROCESSING NOTE:

This collection was processed as an addendum to the original collection donated by Dr. Fuchs. It was decided to catalog it as an addendum rather than incorporating the materials into the existing finding aid.

PREFERRED CITATION:

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Series I: General Correspondence, 1963-1993

Miscellaneous general correspondence includes the Marcus Brothers and the review of the OB/GYN department.

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Series II: Foreign Correspondence, 1953-1992

This series arranged alphabetically contains correspondence with foreign colleagues or businesses including Danish Council, Sandoz Ltd., and Lasse Hessel.

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1  Ishikawa, Mutsuo, 1979-1987
2  Ling-Hua, Chang, 1983
3  Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1988
4  Sandoz Ltd, 1953-1986
5  University of Zurich, 1986
6  Zhang, Ling-Hao, MD, 1984-1985


This series arranged alphabetically consists of files on foreign residents, fellows, or colleagues at the medical center that worked with the Fuchs on their research projects.

Box 2: Series III, Foreign Personnel, 1969-1992

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7  Husslein, Peter, Visiting Scholar, 1981-1986
8  Neri, Alexander, Fellow, 1985
9  Poblete, Vicente and Evangelina, Resident, 1969-1992

Box 3: Series III, Foreign Personnel, 1969-1992

Folder: Description:

1  Rasmussen, Anne, Fellow, 1978-1990
2  Rehnstrom, Jaana, Fellow, 1982-1983
3  Vutavanich, Teraport, Research Associate, 1982-1984

Series IV: Professional Activities, 1957-1986

This series, arranged alphabetically, pertains to Dr. Fuchs activities in various professional organizations.

Box 3: Series III, Professional Activities, 1957-1986

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4  Albert Lasker Foundation, Nomination, 1981
6 American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, 1986
7 American Obstetrical Society, 1972-1986
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10 Miscellaneous Professional Activities, 1957-1963

Box 4: Series IV, Professional Activities, 1957-1986

Folder: Description:

1 New York Academy of Sciences, 1983
2 Serano Symposia International, 1983
3 10th World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, San Francisco, 1981-1982
4 11th World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Berlin, 1985
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Series V: Legal Cases, 1980-1989

This series arranged alphabetically consists of legal cases where Dr. Fuchs provided expert witness testimony. This series is restricted.

Box 4: Series V, Legal Cases, 1980-1989

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6 Legal Cases, List, undated
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Box 5: Series V, Legal Cases, 1980-1989

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Series VI: Speeches, Manuscripts, and Reprints, 1950-1989

This series arranged alphabetical contains drafts of manuscripts and speeches, and copies of reprints of Dr. Fuchs research.

Box 5: Series VI, Speeches, Manuscripts, and Reprints, 1950-1989

Folder: Description:

3  "Amniocentesis in the Management of High Risk Pregnancies," Symposium, 1975
4  "Childhood Prevention of Special Adult Health Problems," 1978
5  DES, New England Journal of Medicine, 1988

Box 6: Series VI, Speeches, Manuscripts, and Reprints, 1950-1989

Folder: Description:

1-2  "Directions in Obstetric Perinatology, A Tribute to Fritz Fuchs," 1988
3  Dysmenorrhea and Dyspareunia, 1973-1977
4  "Endocrinology of Pregnancy," Symposium, 1974
5  Female Condom Lawsuit, 1987-1989

Box 7: Series VI, Speeches, Manuscripts, and Reprints, 1950-1989

Folder: Description:

1  Filosofi on Fodselsmekanismen, undated
2  Gonadotropins, International Symposium on, 1971
3-5  Illustrations for Articles, undated
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Box 8: Series IV, Speeches, Manuscripts, and Reprints, 1950-1989

Folder: Description:

1-3  Minus Cal Study, 1985-1986 (HIPAA)
4  Miscellaneous Speeches, 1983, undated
Box 9: Series IV, Speeches, Manuscripts, and Reprints, 1950-1989

Folder: Description:

2. "Progesterone, Oxytocin and Parturient Behavior in Rabbits," undated
3. Proposal about the Prevention of Preterm Birth, undated
4-8. Reprints, 1950-1979

Box 10: Series VI, Speeches, Manuscripts, and Reprints, 1950-1989

Folder: Description:

5. "Revolution in Obstetrics," undated
8. Thalidomide, DES, undated
10. "Vagina Lidelser," undated


Miscellaneous materials include anatomy review committee, appointments and promotions, biographical information, and cartoons.

Box 11: Series VII, Miscellaneous, 1945-1991

Folder: Description:
1  Anatomy Review Committee, 1975
2  Appointments and Personnel Issues, 1964-1991 (Restricted)
3  Appointments and Promotions, OB/GYN Department, 1975-1976 (Restricted)
4  Biography, 1945-1987
5  Book Donation, 1988-1989
6-7  Cartoons, undated

Box 12:  Series VII, Miscellaneous, 1945-1991

Folder:  Description:

Research Slides

Loose Item:

Oversize Scrapbook with more Cartoons.