

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES
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**Finding Aid To
THE DORIS SCHWARTZ, RN (1915-1999), PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
Dates (1932-1988)**

**10 Linear Inches
(2 Boxes)**

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PROVENANCE:

Papers were donated to the medical center archives by Doris Schwartz.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Doris R. Schwartz was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 30, 1915. She graduated from New York's Central Methodist Hospital Training School in 1942. During World War II, she served in the Army Nurse Corps on the hospital ship Marigold. After the war, she worked in rehabilitation at the Percy Jones General Hospital in Michigan. In 1947, after her discharge from the army as a captain, she continued her studies at New York University.

In 1951, she began her career at Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing. She taught public health nursing and ambulatory patient care at the nursing school. Ms. Schwartz's research career commenced with a study of elderly chronically ill patients in ambulatory care in 1961. Her book, *The Elderly, Ambulatory Patient: Nursing and Psychosocial Needs* (1964) reflected these studies.

She also wrote scholarly articles, letters to colleagues, and kept journals. There are approximately 65 publications, running the gamut from the *New York Times Magazine* to *Nursing Research* and *Reader's Digest*.

In 1970, she created and led the first of two nurse practitioner programs at the nursing school. After retiring from Cornell in 1980, she served as the Senior Fellow at University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing from 1980 to 1990.

Ms. Schwartz received many accolades for her work including the New York VNS's Lillian Wald Spirit of Nursing Award, the APHA's Distinguished Career Award, the establishment of the Doris Schwartz Term Chair in Gerontological Nursing at University of Pennsylvania, and recognition as a "Living Legend" by American Academy of Nursing. Ms. Schwartz passed away on August 22, 1999.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The collection provides a brief glimpse into Doris Schwartz's career as an educator. The collection of papers is divided into five series: Comprehensive Care and Teaching Program (1951-1962), Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing (1959-1975), Correspondence (1948-1988), Reprints, Speeches, and Papers (1932-1988), and Miscellaneous (1958-1980). Much of the collection includes articles she wrote pertaining to the nursing profession.

Series I: Comprehensive Care and Teaching Program, 1951-1962 (Box 1)

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains manuscripts and research memos for the teaching program including her study of nursing needs of the elderly and chronically ill.

Series II: Cornell University New York Hospital School of Nursing, 1959-1975 (Box 1)

This series, arranged alphabetically, includes instructional material on epidemiological nursing and a list of the school's faculty members during the early 1970s.

Series III: Correspondence, 1948-1988 (Box 1)

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains letters to friends, family, and colleagues. There is also correspondence related to the Bicentennial of New York Hospital. Miscellaneous correspondence with the faculty at New York Hospital can also be found in this series. In addition, one will discover personal letters written by Ms. Schwartz after retiring in 1980. These documents detailed her vision of nursing in the future. School of Nursing Alumni Association correspondence during the 1980s also resides here.

Series #: IV, Reprints, Papers, and Speeches 1932-1988 (Boxes 1-2)

This series, arranged alphabetically, describes Ms. Schwartz's nursing experience during World War II. The series is also composed of her diary of working as a nurse in different geographic environments between 1947 and 1965. An examination of the growth of public nursing in the United States is situated here. Additionally, one will discover reprints of work she completed during the 1960s. Topics range from aging and the chronically ill to how clinical research can improve nursing. Ms. Schwartz's 1970s accomplishments are also noted by a journal created while practicing nursing in Europe and through papers presented at various conferences during that period.

Series #: V, Miscellaneous, 1958-1980 (Box 2)

This series, arranged alphabetically, includes a biography of Ms. Schwartz, a report on faculty research grants during the 1960s, and a 1980 playbill pertaining to a musical featuring New York Hospital employees.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:

None.

RELATED MATERIAL:

Doris Schwartz Diaries, 1940s-1960s

BOX AND FOLDER LIST:
Box 1: Series I, Comprehensive Care and Teaching Program, 1951-1962

Folder:	Description:
1	Miscellaneous Communication Between Hospital Staff and Community Agency..., 1951-1957
2	Research Memos, 1956-1960
3	<i>Research in Patient Care</i> , 1960
4	Study of Nursing Needs of the Elderly and Chronically Ill, 1961-1962

Box 1: Series II, Cornell University New York Hospital School of Nursing, 1959-1975

Folder:	Description:
5	Instructional Material on Epidemiological Nursing, 1959-1975
6	Nursing Faculty Members, 1972-1974
7	<i>Steps Leading to a Primex Program</i> , 1972

Box 1: Series III, Correspondence, 1948-1988

Folder:	Description:
8	Bicentennial of New York Hospital, 1971
9	Miscellaneous, 1960-1974
10	Nursing for the Future, 1948-1959
11	Personal, 1982-1988
12	School of Nursing Alumni Association, 1982-1987

Box 1: Series IV, Reprints, Papers, and Speeches 1967-1968

Folder:	Description:
13	<i>The Advancement of Knowledge in Nursing Through Clinical Research</i> , Undated
14	<i>Aging and Society</i> , Edited by Matilda W. Riley and a copy provided for Doris Schwartz, 1967
15	<i>Aging and the Field of Nursing</i> , 1968

Box 2: Series IV, Reprints, Papers, and Speeches, 1932-1988

Folder:	Description:
1	Diary of Nursing, 1947-1965
2	Doris Schwartz's Journal, 1976
3	<i>The Impact on Parent, Family, and Community</i> , Undated
4	Miscellaneous, 1932-1959
5	Miscellaneous, 1960-1969
6	Miscellaneous, 1970-1988
7	<i>Some Historical Comments on the Origins of Public Health Nursing</i> , given at the History of Medicine Society, 1955-1959
8	<i>A Study and Demonstration of Continuity of Nursing Care</i> , 1966

Box 2: Series V, Miscellaneous, 1958-1980

Folder:	Description:
9	Biography, 1958-1973
10	<i>Final Report of the Follow Up of Faculty Research Development Grants</i> , 1969
11	<i>Medicine Vogues of 1980</i> , 1980