

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES
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**1300 York Avenue # 34
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**Finding Aid To
THE GEORGE WANTZ, MD (1923-2000) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1958-1965**

**15 Linear Inches
(3 Boxes)**

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PROVENANCE:

The records were donated to the archives by Dr. George Wantz.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

George Wantz, Jr. was born in Charlevoix, MI on April 14, 1923. He earned a M.D. degree from University of Michigan Medical School in 1946. After medical school, he received further training at Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago, 1947, Presbyterian Hospital, (Pathology), Chicago, 1948-1949, and New York Hospital (Surgery), 1949-1956. He joined the faculty at Cornell University Medical College in 1950 as an assistant in surgery. He rose in the ranks at the hospital and medical college to attending surgeon (1964) and clinical professor of surgery (1990).

He was an international expert in developing new approaches to hernia operations. Some of the materials in his collection are related to a publication "Problems in Surgery", which he co-authored with Dr. Frank Glenn.

He died on December 15, 2000 from injuries sustained in a fall.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

These papers contained reprints and manuscripts on Dr. Wantz's research including his book "Problems in Surgery" that he co-authored with Dr. Frank Glenn. This book includes case studies from New York Hospital's surgical grand rounds. Unfortunately, these papers provide very little insight on his personal life or his career overall.

Illustrations from his book, "Problems in Surgery" have been discarded.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:

ACCESS POINTS:

RELATED MATERIAL:

BOX AND FOLDER LIST:**Box 1:**

Folder:	Description:
1	Arterial Emboli & Arterial Thrombosis (manuscript), ca. 1960
2	Effect and Interrelation of Testosterone Cortisone and Protein Nutrition Wound Healing (manuscript, notes, reprint), 1960.
3	Emergency Portal Decompression in Treatment of Acute Hemorrhage from Esophago Gastric Varices (manuscript, notes, reprints), 1958-1964
4	Experience with Portacaval Shunt for Portal Hypertension (manuscripts, reprints), 1961
5	Hematemesis (manuscripts), ca. 1961
6	Immediate Complications Following Abdominal Aortic Surgery (manuscripts), ca. 1963
7	Intestinal Obstruction (manuscripts, reprints), ca. 1958
8	Introduction to Wound Healing (manuscripts), ca. 1958
9	Liver Diseases in the Aged (manuscripts, reprints), ca. 1959

Box 2:

Folder:	Description:
1	Portal Hypertension (manuscripts, notes), ca. 1958
2	Portal Hypertension in Children (reprints), ca. 1961
3	"Problems in Surgery," Advertisements and Promotion, 1961-1963
4	"Problems in Surgery," Correspondence, 1958-1968
5	"Problems in Surgery," Participants in Grand Rounds, ca. 1961
6	"Problems in Surgery," Preface
7-10	"Problems in Surgery," Proofs
11	World Wide Search for Specimens, Urethra Fish (correspondence), 1964-1965

Box 3:

Bound volumes of "Problems in Surgery"