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## NLM History of Medicine Collections

**Description:** The NLM History of Medicine Division collects, preserves, makes available, and interprets for diverse audiences one of the world’s richest collections of historical material related to health and disease. Spanning 10 centuries, the collection encompasses a variety of digital and physical formats, originating from nearly every part of the globe. Collections include

born digital content (which is content that is created in a digital format) such as blogs or websites, manuscripts, anatomical drawings and papers, audiovisuals, prints, and photographs.

### Popular uses of this product:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore “Profiles in Science” and learn about scientific leaders who advanced medicine and public health.</li> <li>• Learn about the history of medicine and public health around the world through curated collections and online exhibits.</li> <li>• Explore historical genealogy and biographical records.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the history of the health science field through videos and visual records.</li> <li>• Find personal records such as letters, photos, and draft manuscripts from historic medical practitioners and scientists.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist patrons in finding historical medical and health sciences resources.</li> <li>• Find archived blogs and digital born historical medical content.</li> <li>• Assist patrons in understanding relevant copyright and use restrictions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review changes and trends in health policies around the world.</li> <li>• Find historical medical guidance, advertisements, and archived public health outreach communications.</li> </ul>

### Key Points:

1. The NLM History of Medicine Division collects, preserves, and makes available documents, materials, records, and visuals pertaining to the history of medicine and the field of health science research.
2. The NLM History of Medicine Division curates’ presentations of selected items through continued study and interpretation of its rich historical collections.
3. The NLM History of Medicine Division has documents spanning several centuries, from around the globe, creating a rich and diverse historical medical collection.

### Potential Predicaments:

1. The NLM History of Medicine Division works in conjunction with NLM Digital Collections and other NLM resources. While exploring the site, people may end up on their webpages.

### Teaching Examples:

1. Have participants explore the “Circulating Now” blog. Search for the blog titled “Matters of the Heart.” The blog mentions numerous resources and collections. Look at the “Profiles in Science” section and pick one of the papers collections to explore.
2. Have participants explore the “Classics of Traditional Chinese Medicine” collection. Look through the section “Books on Display” and find a manuscript from the 1600s.

**Real Life Examples:**

1. For Women’s History Month, a high school science teacher has students explore Rosalind Franklin’s “Profiles in Science” and learn about her role in discovering the structure of DNA.
2. A historical researcher looks at public health outreach methods used during previous disease outbreaks to understand how public health responses have changed over time.

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