Guide to the Pediatric Patient Records: Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children and Outpatient Clinic

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Administrative History

Frank S. Doernbecher, born in 1861, moved to Portland from Kewaskum, Wisconsin to make his fortune. An industrious man, he amassed his fortune in the manufacture of furniture. Before his death on January 21, 1921, he requested that his children, Edward and Ada, give one-fourth of his estate to an Oregon charity. They decided to donate $200,000 to the University of Oregon Medical School. This gift was given in order to establish a children's hospital with the stipulation that it be a teaching institution. They further stipulated that care and service be given equally, without distinction, to children from birth to 17 years of age.

The services of Doctor R. G. Brodrick of San Francisco, an experienced hospital consultant, was secured to work on the construction plans with architects, Lawrence and Holford. Thomas Muir was the general contractor. Dr. Brodrick suggested that it would take an additional $75,000 to equip and double the initial planned capacity of the hospital. With the agreement of the original donors and authorization of the University of Oregon Regents, a committee was formed to seek additional private funding.

In 1924, Mrs. P. L. Campbell of Eugene, Mrs. William McMaster, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, and Mrs. G. T. Gerlinger organized the Doernbecher Hospital Guild to assist in financing the hospital. Because of the guild's determination, the dollar amount needed to finish and furnish the hospital was reached. They then began efforts to obtain funding for hospital maintenance and a permanent endowment. Individuals, estates, families, businesses, firms, fraternal societies, and clubs across the state of Oregon donated money.

The first large gift of $20,000 was given by the Portland Rotary Club, $5,000 towards the permanent endowment fund and the rest to furnish the 4th floor. The State Benevolent and Protection Order of the Elks pledged $18,000 and was given the privilege of naming and equipping the 2nd floor. The State Federation of Women’s Clubs pledged $20,000. Gifts of $500.00 also entitled a donor to name a bed, and $20,000 endowed one free bed in perpetuity.

Additional efforts included the sewing of hospital materials by groups of women, including those incarcerated by the Multnomah County jail.

The cornerstone of the hospital was laid on Sunday, May 24, 1925 at 3:00 P.M.

In 1925, the state legislature passed an appropriation bill of $60,000 towards hospital operations for 1926. Unfortunately, Oregon Governor Walter M. Pierce vetoed the bill. During the breach, the Oregon chapter of the American Legion promoted a campaign to maintain funds.

The fully furnished hospital was completed at a cost of $275,000, and the first patients were received on Monday August 2, 1926.

In 1927 the Oregon Legislature voted to give the hospital a full operating budget of $178,000, but Governor Pierce vetoed the $41, 590 of the appropration bill designated for food, drugs and supplies. This time, the Hospital Guild intervened to raise the remaining funds. In 1929, the state provided a budget of $197,300.
In order to safeguard funds, the Hospital Guild agreed to adopt a plan known as the Uniform Trust for Public Uses. In a meeting on January 26, 1931, a report determined that from its inception on July 11, 1924 through January 15, 1931, all the money raised by the guild ($145,950) was accounted for. The guild was authorized to enter into an agreement with the Security & Trust Company, allowing all future donations to be added to the trust fund.

Scope and Contents

The Pediatric Patient Records contains one file of diagnosis and treatment information for meningococcus cases of children seen at the Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children and Outpatient Clinic. The data is summarized and analyzed in two tables.

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Related Materials

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Archival Collections:
Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children: Book of Remembrance, Accession no. 2006-002
http://nwda.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv00259
Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children: Silver Tea Report Records, Accession no. 2005-015

Controlled Access Headings

Occupation(s)

• Pediatrics

Personal Name(s)

• Doernbecher, Frank S.

Subject(s)

• Diagnosis.
• Medicine and Health
• Meningococcus
• Oregon
• Treatment of diseases
Other Finding Aids

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Records, College of Physicians Historical Medical Library, University of Pennsylvania

http://dla.library.upenn.edu/dla/pacscl/detail.html?id=PACSL_CPP_CPPMSS6001401

Children's Hospital Medical Center records, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley

http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt909nd6t4/admin/

Children's Hospital at Stanford records, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Stanford University Libraries

http://findingaids.stanford.edu/xtf/view?docId=ead/uarc/sc0297.xml;query=;brand=default
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