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This exhibit celebrates Mrs. Jacqueline Donin’s generous donation of rare books on ophthalmology to OHSU Historical Collections & Archives. The donation consists of over 100 18th-20th century titles from the collection of her late husband, Dr. Jerry F. Donin. An ophthalmologist and avid book collector, Dr. Donin built one of the finest ophthalmology collections in private hands. OHSU Library is honored to provide these books with a permanent home, where they can be shared with the OHSU community and the public.

Drawing from rare books and artifacts in OHSU Historical Collections & Archives, this exhibit highlights key developments leading to the modernization of ophthalmology. Early works from the eighteenth century explore an emerging specialization, redeemed from the realm of quackery. The first half of the nineteenth century saw the establishment of clinical and educational centers dedicated to ophthalmology, as well as breakthroughs in the treatment of common eye diseases. In 1851, the introduction of the ophthalmoscope transformed the field, ushering in a new era of scientific study and clinical precision.
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