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Pediatric History Center**

The American Academy of Pediatrics Gartner Pediatric History Center (GPHC) is dedicated to preserving and cataloguing historical and contemporary documents and artifacts pertaining to the health of children. It also serves as the repository of the archives of the American Academy of Pediatrics. This center provides a resource for anyone interested in the history of child health issues and pediatric medicine.

Collections:

The Gartner Pediatric History Center holdings chronicle the development of pediatrics while also preserving the history of the Academy itself.

Oral History Project:

Interviews with selected pediatricians and other leaders in the advancement of children's health are being conducted and preserved as part of the Oral History Project. Recordings and transcripts of interviews provide narrative accounts of important developments in the care of children and augment the written, recorded, and photographic records of pediatric history. Printed transcripts of these interviews are available on the Gartner Pediatric History Center website. This project is supported by donations from individuals, organizations, and corporations.

Institutional Archives:

The Gartner Pediatric History Center houses the historic and official records of the Academy. Publications, policy statements, selected documents, photographs and books on AAP history are being preserved as a lasting record and resource on the important contributions of the AAP in advancing child health. In addition, the center maintains selected archival records of the American Pediatric Society and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.

Pediatric Artifacts:

The collection consists of more than 1,500 feeding utensils and infantalia, primarily from the 19th and 20th centuries, with some dating back to the time of the Roman Empire. The collection provides a fascinating insight into the changes in infant care and feeding over the centuries, including the increasing awareness of the importance of hygiene and breastfeeding. The Gartner Pediatric History Center lends materials from this collection to qualified institutions for public display.

Historic Collections:

Books and papers disclose important insights into the history and development of children's health care. We currently hold the Pierre Budin Collection, the Silverman and Butterfield Infant Incubator Research Collection and a vast archive of neonatal materials.

Contributions:

The Academy welcomes contributions to the Gartner Pediatric History Center. Donors are encouraged to make financial gifts in support of the general operations of the center or to contribute to areas of special interest within the collection.

Since space in the center is limited, a collection policy has been established, and all historic documents and artifacts donated to the center will be reviewed before acceptance. Pediatric texts and rare books, photographs, manuscripts and personal papers of selected individuals who have worked to enrich the lives of children and improve their health will be considered for accession.

*To learn more about the Gartner Pediatric History Center
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