Rudolph N. Schullinger Penicillin Papers

Penicillin papers, 1942-1957.
16 items (1 folder)

Biographical Note: Surgeon. B.S., Princeton, 1917; M.D., College of Physicians & Surgeons (P&S), Columbia University, 1923. Schullinger was a faculty member at P&S from 1923 until his retirement in 1961, rising to Professor of Clinical Surgery. During World War II he served as a surgeon with the U.S. Army’s General Hospital No. 2 whose staff was comprised largely of medical and nursing personnel from the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York.

Scope and Content: Typescript and published articles and correspondence documenting Schullinger’s work in the clinical testing of penicillin while serving at U.S. Army General Hospital No. 2 based near Oxford, England in 1942-1944.

Included are a typescript of an article, apparently never published in full, entitled “Penicillin in the Treatment of Surgical Infections” dated May 1944; a reminiscence of his penicillin research, “Introductory Remarks,” probably written in 1957, which also discusses his interactions with Sir Howard and Lady Florey; an article, “Some Notes on Penicillin,” that was published in Guy’s Hospital Gazette (June 24 and July 8, 1944), along with the manuscript for it.

In addition, there is correspondence, 1954-1957, with William S. Middleton discussing the possible inclusion of some of this material in the history of the U.S. Army Medical Department in the Second World War.

Provenance: Gift of his son, John Schullinger, M.D., 2008 (acc.#2008.06.19).

Location: Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Box 3, folder 6.

Subjects:

Penicillin – History.
World War, 1939-1945 – Medical care.
United States. Army. General Hospital, 2nd.