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[Harold Abramson Papers](#)

ABRAMSON, HAROLD.

Papers, 1899-1974.

1.33 linear feet (4 document boxes)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Dr. Harold Abramson was born in New York City on October 4, 1899. He received a B.A. from Columbia in 1920, an M.D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1924, and an M.A. in Psychology from Columbia in 1932. He served as Associate Pediatrician at Beth Israel Hospital and as Epidemiologist-in-Charge of the Division of Maternity and Newborn Services of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases of the New York City Department of Health. In the 1930s, he wrote numerous articles on epidemic diarrhea of the newborn. He joined the pediatric staff of New York Medical College in 1954, became Director of the Maternal and Child Health Program in 1959, Professor of Pediatrics in 1964, and later became Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics. He edited the book *Resuscitation of the Newborn*, which went through three editions between 1961 and 1973. He was a member of numerous medical and scientific societies, and was chairman of several committees of the Medical Society of the County of New York. Dr. Abramson died on October 13, 1974.

It is important not to confuse Harold Abramson (1899-1974) with Harold A. Abramson (1899-1980) who was graduated from Columbia College in 1919 and received his M.D. from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in 1923.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Harold Abramson Papers document Dr. Abramson's life and career. Loose copies of his reprints have been arranged chronologically, and a bibliography of his work from 1927-50 is included. Reviews of publications written and edited by Dr. Abramson are arranged by date of publication. Six scrapbooks provide an extensive overview of Dr. Abramson's life and career. The contents span the years 1899 to 1974, and range from a photostat of his birth certificate to the program of the 50th reunion of the P&S Class of 1924. Correspondence, reprints, diplomas, photographs, membership cards, programs, and other printed material had been mounted onto paper, assembled in chronological order, and arranged in ring binders. The binders have been discarded, but the original order of the material has been retained. Much of the material has been taped or folded, and extra care should be taken in using the scrapbooks.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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Box and Folder Listing

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Content</u>
1		Reprints
	1	List of publications, 1927-50
	2-7	Reprints, 1927-70
		Reviews
	8	Resuscitation of the Newborn Infant, first edition, 1961-62
	9	Resuscitation of the Newborn Infant, second and third editions, 1967-74
	10	Genetic Counseling, 1971, Symposium on the Functional Physiopathology of the Fetus and Neonate, 1971-72, Sickle Cell Disease, 1974
2		Scrapbooks
	1-4	Scrapbook 1: 1899-1943
	5-8	Scrapbook 2: 1944-50
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	1-4	Scrapbook 3: 1951-58
	5-6	Scrapbook 4: 1959-68 (1,2 of 4 folders)
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	1-2	Scrapbook 4: 1959-68 (3,4 of 4 folders)
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