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Summary information

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Title:	Richard S. Ruiz, MD papers
Reference code:	MS 150
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Date:	1925-2007 (creation)
Physical description:	2 cubic foot (3 boxes)
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	June 9, 2011

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

"Richard S. Ruiz, MD, was born in Houston on July 12, 1932. He established the Hermann Eye Center in 1977. A native Houstonian, Ruiz attended Texas A&M and graduated with an M.D. degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1957. During his internship at Hermann Hospital, Ruiz decided to specialize in ophthalmology. He was accepted at the Kresge Eye Institute in Detroit for a three year residency to train in ophthalmology, and then received a fellowship to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary of the Harvard Medical School where he trained under Charles L. Schepens, MD, who is known as the "father" of modern retinal surgery. In July 1962, Ruiz returned home and opened his ophthalmology practice in the Hermann Professional Building. He worked diligently to build his practice and during the next ten years, founded Houston Eye Associates, brought highly trained subspecialists into the partnership, and was appointed Chief of Ophthalmology at Hermann Hospital. Along with practicing medicine, Ruiz worked to improve the hospital's training program for new eye doctors.

In 1969, the University of Texas formally announced that it would establish a medical school in the Texas Medical Center, with Hermann Hospital as its primary teaching hospital. When details emerged about plans for Hermann's new hospital building, a facility that would be interconnected to the Medical School and the hospital's Robertson Pavilion, Ruiz began to develop an idea to utilize space in the new building to create a world class eye center. His plan would bring together his private ophthalmology practice, Hermann Hospital eye patients, and the teaching and research of the Department of Ophthalmology at the medical school into one endeavor. Ruiz's appointment as Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology in the new medical school enabled him to take the final steps to create a comprehensive eye center. In time, the Hermann Eye Center became known for excellence in patient care, education, and research in ophthalmology.

Ruiz served as Chief of Ophthalmology at Hermann Hospital (later Memorial Hermann – TMC) from 1967 until 2009. He was the founding director of the Hermann Eye Center and the Hermann Eye Fund, and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at the University of Texas Medical School – Houston for the first thirty-seven years of its history." (1)

Dr. Ruiz died September 22nd, 2021.

1. This biographical note is a direct quote from the book cover of: Ruiz, Richard S. and William H. Kellar. Ophthalmology at Hermann Hospital and the University of Texas, Houston: A Personal Perspective. N. p. 2010.

Custodial history

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Scope and content

The Richard S. Ruiz, MD, papers, MS 150, includes materials from 1925 through 2007 related to the Hermann Eye Center and Memorial Hermann Hospital. Dr. Ruiz was the Chief of Ophthalmology at Hermann Hospital who built up and improved the teaching faculty at Hermann Hospital and the one with the vision for the Hermann Eye Center and made it possible. This collection encompasses this period of time in Dr. Ruiz's career. Dr. Miller donated his collection of journal articles, newspaper articles, business correspondence, photographs, architectural blueprints, and a scrapbook to the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center between March and May 2011. The materials are in good condition. The collection is 2 cubic feet (three boxes).

This collection contains two series: I. 1994 Construction of the Hermann Eye Center and II. History of Hermann Hospital.

The materials in this collection are in good physical condition with some minor tears and the pictures and other objects falling off the scrapbook pages. Dr. Ruiz donated his collection of journal articles, newspaper articles, business correspondence, photographs, architectural blueprints, and a scrapbook to the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center. The collection consists of 2 cubic feet (three boxes) and is collection MS 150.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

This collection was donated to the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center between March and May 2011 by Dr. Richard S. Ruiz.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into the following series.

Restrictions on access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions governing use

Copyright restrictions may apply.

Accruals

No accruals are expected for this collection.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Hermann Eye Center
- Hermann Hospital (Houston, Tex.)
- Ruiz, Richard S. (subject)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Journal articles (documentary form)
- Newspaper articles (documentary form)
- Business reports (documentary form)
- Pamphlets (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Books (documentary form)
- architectural drawings (visual works) (documentary form)
- Ophthalmology (subject)
- Houston (Tex.) (place)

Series descriptions

Series MS150-S1 : Series I: 1994 Renovation of the Hermann Eye Center;

Date: 1992-1994 (creation)

Scope and content: Scope and Content Note: This series contains the working papers of the renovation of the Hermann Eye Center as well as newspaper articles about the new building and an invitation to the building's opening.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi203689773	File - Hermann Eye Center Construction Correspondence and Working Papers; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i>	1992-1994.	

	Folder: 1
gi203689774	File - Newspaper Articles; undated. <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 2
gi203689775	File - Architectural Blueprints; 1994. <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: Map Drawer <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 11

Series MS150-S2 : Series II: History of Hermann Hospital;

Date: 1929-2007 (creation)

Scope and content: Scope and Content Note: This series contains a book about George H. Hermann and the history of Hermann Hospital, an interview with Dr. Ruiz about the Hermann Eye Center History Project, as well as newspaper articles, photographs, journal articles, correspondence, and published hospital reports.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries MS150-S2ss1: Subseries I: Oral Histories: Richard S. Ruiz;

Date: 1987-1988 (creation)

Scope and content: Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains the transcript from a two day interview of Dr. Richard Ruiz by Louis Marchiafava about his early career and the establishment of the Hermann Eye Center.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi203689776	File - Hermann Eye Center History Interview: Session 1; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 3	December 23, 1987.	
gi203689777	File - Hermann Eye Center History Interview: Session 2; <i>Physical storage:</i>	January 29, 1988.	

	Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 4		
Subseries MS150-S2ss2: Subseries II: Photographs; <u>Date:</u> undated (creation) <u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi203689778	File - Photographs; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 5	undated.	
Subseries MS150-S2ss3: Subseries III: Hospital Administration; <u>Date:</u> 1948-2004 (creation) <u>Scope and content:</u> Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains a list of those medical students completing their residency at Hermann Hospital as well as some business correspondence. <u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi203689779	File - Ophthalmology Residents; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 6	1948-1973.	
gi203689780	File - Correspondence; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 7	1967-2004.	
Subseries MS150-S2ss4: Subseries IV: Publications; <u>Date:</u> 1925-2007 (creation)			

<u>Scope and content:</u> Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains various hospital publications as well as some journal and newspaper articles.			
<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi203689781	File - Pamphlets; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 8	1972-1979, 1997.	
gi203689782	File - Published Hospital Reports; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 9	1973-1974.	
gi203689783	File - Journal Articles; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 10	1925-1976, 1986.	
gi203689784	File - Newspaper Articles: History of Hermann Hospital; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 11	1929, 1976-1977.	
gi203689785	File - George Hermann and the History of Hermann Hospital, Folder one of two; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 2 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 1	1975.	
gi203689786	File - George Hermann and the History of Hermann Hospital, Folder two of two; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 2 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 2	1975.	

gi203689787	File - Hermann Eye Center Views and Visions: Volumes 1-13; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 2 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 3	1977-1991.
gi203689788	File - Hermann Eye Center Views and Visions: Volumes 15-26; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 2 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 4	1993-2007.
gi203689789	File - Architectural Analysis of Ophthalmology Center; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 2 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 5	1974.

Subseries MS150-S2ss5: Subseries V: Ephemera;Date: December 11, 1977. (creation)Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi203689790	File - Invitations: View the Hermann Eye Center; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 2 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 6	December 11, 1977.	

Subseries MS150-S2ss6: Subseries VI: Oversized Materials;Date: undated (creation)Scope and content: Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains leaves from a Hermann Hospital scrapbook as well as some content sheets of the Hermann Hospital construction and the finished revisions.Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi203689791	File - Photograph of Hermann Professional Building; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 3 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 1	1962.	
gi203689792	File - Contact Sheet of Renovated Interior of the Hermann Eye Center; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 3 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 2	undated.	
gi203689793	File - Contact Sheet of Hermann Eye Center Construction; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 3 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 3	undated.	
gi203689794	File - Contact Sheet of Hermann Eye Center Exterior; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 3 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 4	undated.	
gi203689795	File - Loose Photographs from the Scrapbook; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 3 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 5	undated.	
gi203689796	File - Hermann Hospital Scrapbook; <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: 3 <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 6-40	undated.	