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Overleese, Jo Anne Inventory of donated items

- Reusable glass piston syringe wrapped in cloth
Two Luer-Lok Control Syringes (3cc, 30cc) in boxes
B-D Sana-Lok Control 5cc Syringe
B-D Yale 5cc syringe in box
Clay-Adams reflex hammer
Two Trophy Evrmark thermometers (1 oral, 1 rectal)
Glass medicine glass
Set of dissecting tools in cloth pouch (incl. 6 scalpels (two in protective metal casing), bistoury, 3 forceps, retractor)
Three urethral dilators (approx. 3cm in length) and 2 rimmed metal specula (approx. 2.5 cm) in a small square box padded w/cotton
Diagnostic tools in cloth pouch (incl. bivalve vaginal speculum, curved dressing forceps, laryngeal mirror, Merkel reflex hammer, specimen container in spring-loaded metal holder, Mentz & Sons metal tongue depressor, nail nipper w/concave blade, scissors, 2 metal specula in screw-cap metal case, 2 metal plain male catheters (sizes 15 and 18), metal applicator (17 cm.) w/rough end, Pailapofor metal thermometer case w/chain and safety pin (no thermometer), 10 cent crochet hook, tubular proctoscope, metal plain male double current catheter with divided channel), many large suturing needles in pocket
Brown-Buerger Cystoscope tools in case
B-D Yale Tonsil Needle (straight, 23 Gauge)
Jarcho Pressometer (for uterosalpingography and pyelography, 1937) w/case and instructions
Singer Surgical Stitching Instrument w/instructions and case
Young's Rectal Dilators (set of four) in box
Spenti UV lamp
Cameron Diagnostoset variable power source
Cameron's Electro-Diagnostoset in velvet-lined hard leather case w/laryngoscope, otoscope, 3 metal specula, plastic speculum, power cord and base, 4 extra lamps and holder, 2 sm. throat mirrors
Sigmoidoscopic forceps w/alligator jaws used for biopsy (approx. 2 ft. long) in wooden box w/bm hx on underside of cover
Set of surgical tools (incl 3 straight clamps, Lentz & Sons curette forceps, circular biting forceps, 4 curved scissors, curved scalpel, scalpel w/sickle blade, retractor, 3 lg. Throw-Away blades) in box
Serial collection of 15 pamphlets titled 'A History of Medicine in Pictures' by George A. Bender and illustrated by Robert A. Thom, 1957
Painting by Paul Gorka of a strip-mined Pittsburgh landscape
Book: *The Dispensatory*, by George B. Wood M.D. and Franklin Bache, M.D., 1843
Surgical tool set in metal sterilizer (incl. lg. scissors, 2 lg. blunt hooks, lg. probe w/engraved graduations, long metal handle w/blunt corkscrew end, uterine dilator w/4 blades)

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Accession #: 1997.1.A-B

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: 609-494-0217

Object: Reusable Glass Piston Syringe (2 pcs.)

Date:

Artist or Maker: Unknown

Material: Glass, String

Dimensions: 6.75" long, 1" diam.

Condition: Good

Description: Hollow body is glass and comes to a point. Piston is also glass, topped off with vertical 1.25" circular loop and wrapped with string at terminal end for establishment of vacuum. Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.C-E

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: 609-494-0217

Object: Set of three (3) identical Urethral Dilators

Date:

Artist or Maker: Unknown

Material: Hard, black rubber

Dimensions: 1.5" long, 0.25" diam.

Condition: Good

Description: Each has a vaguely hour-glass shape, tapering to a blunt point at one end, cylindrical with small horizontally drilled hole at the other (the base). Items are contained in a 2.75" x 2.75" x 1.25" box, padded with cotton on the inside. Items were shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.F-CC

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: 609-494-0217

Object: Set of diagnostic tools in pouch (24 PCs.)

F) Cloth Pouch	N) Tongue Depressor	W) Thermometer Case
G) Bivalve Vaginal Speculum	O) Nail Nipper w/Concave Blade	X) Crochet Hook
H) Curved Dressing Forceps	P) Scissors	Y,Z) Proctoscope (2 PCs.)
I) Laryngeal Mirror	Q,R,S,T) Specula in Case (4 PCs.)	AA) Double Current Catheter
J) Reflex Hammer	U) Size 15 Male Catheter	BB) Suturing Needles (15 PCs.)
K,L,M) Specimen Container (3 PCs.)	V) Applicator	CC) Size 18 Male Catheter

Date:

Artist or Maker: Various

F) Unknown	N) Lentz & Sons	W) Pailapfor
G) Lentz & Sons	O) Unknown	X) Roye or Boye
H) Lentz	P) Unknown	Y,Z) Merkel-Phila.
I) Unknown	Q,R,S,T) Pilling	AA) Unknown
J) Merkel-Phila.	U) Lentz & Sons	BB) Unknown
K,L,M) Unknown	V) Unknown	CC) PSM Co.

Material: Various

F) Cloth	N) Metal	W) Metal
G) Metal	O) Metal	X) Metal
H) Metal	P) Metal	Y,Z) Metal and plastic
I) Metal and glass	Q,R,S,T) Metal	AA) Metal
J) Metal and rubber	U) Metal	BB) Metal
K,L,M) Metal and glass	V) Metal	CC) Metal

Dimensions:

F) 23.25" x 22.5"	N) 4.75" x 2.5" x 1"	W) 12" x 0.5" diam.
G) 5" x 1.5" x 2"	O) 4" x 1" x 0.25"	X) 5"
H) 5" x 1.25" x 0.75"	P) 4" x 1.75"	Y,Z) 8" x 3" x 2"
I) 5.25" long shaft, 0.5" diam. mirror	Q,R,S,T) 2" x 1" diam.	AA) 7.75" x 0.25" diam.
J) 8" x 2.25" x 0.5"	U) 11.5" x 2" x 0.25" diam	BB) 1" x 0.5"
K,L,M) 5" x 1" diam.	V) 7"	CC) 11.75" x 2.5" x 0.25" diam.

Condition: All items are in very good condition

Description: The suturing needles (items 'BB') are wrapped in gauze and stored in an inside pocket of the pouch. All other items are fastened down by an adjustable ribbon, which has been threaded through loops sewn onto the inside face of the pouch. All Items were shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice.

F) The cloth pouch is tan with an olive border. It has a pocket inside to hold suturing needles, and an adjustable ribbon, threaded through loops sewn onto the inside face, to fasten the tools down. Two flaps fold over the tools, and the pouch is rolled up and tied shut with laces attached to the outside.

G) The vaginal speculum is double-bladed, resembling a duck-bill. Two levers at the base fold down for grasping and up for storage. The levers are pinched together to open the speculum.

H) The dressing forceps bend at an angle of 135° at midshaft. The serrated handle precedes the bend, after which the item tapers uniformly to a point. The ends are roughened on the interior to enhanced grasping.

I) The laryngeal mirror has a 0.5" diameter mirror attached to a uniformly cylindrical handle. The base of the handle can screw into an extension.

J) The reflex (a.k.a. percussion) hammer has a triangular rubber mallet inserted through an eye in the handle and secured with a pin. The handle has an enlarged base, in the form of a loop, for holding.

K,L,M) The specimen container is cylindrical with a 0.5" diameter horizontal opening, on opposite sides, a half inch from the bottom. The top screws on and is loaded with a spring for cushioning. There is a pocket clip on the outside and a spring inside at the bottom to cushion the glass tube inside. The glass tube resembles a test tube but for its flat bottom and short narrowing 0.75" from its base.

N) The tongue depressor is bent at a right angle at midshaft. The handle is serrated and resembles a file on both sides. After the bend, the blade widens gradually and curves slightly downward. There is an oval opening 0.25" from the end, 1" x 0.75" diameter.

O) The nail nipper resembles a wire cutter, but has a concave blade for trimming nails.

P) The scissors are a generic sort with slightly curved blades.

Q,R,S,T) The two specula are open at both ends, and have a 1" diameter base which tapers to a narrow opening at the terminal end. The smaller speculum fits into the larger, and together they fit into the screw-top case. The case bears a similar shape to the specula, but is closed at both ends.

U) The size 15 catheter is hollow and tubular, curved through a right angle at midshaft. The tip is closed, but there is a continuous channel near the end cut obliquely from one side to the other to enable irrigation. At the base are two small loops on opposite sides (but in the same spatial plane).

V) The applicator has a narrow handle and even narrower cylindrical appendage. Its tip is roughened by oblique grooves starting at 0.5" from the end.

W) The thermometer case is shaped like a long bullet. It has irregularly placed, but radially symmetrical adornments at various locations along the outside. The base unscrews to allow storage of a thermometer inside. At the tip, a chain, as long as the case itself (6"), is anchored through an eyelet. The far end of the chain attaches to a safety pin. No thermometer is present.

X) The crochet hook is unremarkable except for the raised lettering along the handle stating: "U.S.A.-10¢".

Y,Z) The proctoscope has a handle attached to a speculum (both metal). The speculum is at an obtuse angle to the handle, with a trumpeted tubular opening that narrows slightly towards the terminal end. A plastic (Bakelite?) plunger inserts into the near opening, filling the space entirely, and extends past both mouths, serving as a grip on the near side and dilator on the far side.

AA) The double current catheter, like item 'U', is tubular and hollow. 1" from the base, a second channel feeds into the main stem. The tip is closed with the same continuous channel near the end cut obliquely from one side to the other to enable irrigation. The catheter is straight for much of its length, but has a slight curve at the very end.

BB) The suturing needles are shaped like small arcs. They are blunt at one end and sharp at the other to facilitate suturing.

CC) This item is identical to item 'U', except it is slightly larger, being a size 18 (vs. Size 15) catheter.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.DD-HH

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: 609-494-0217

Object: Young's Rectal Dilators in original box (5 Pcs.)

Date:

Artist or Maker: F. E. Young & Co.

Material: Hard plastic

Dimensions: 3" long x 0.5" diameter, 3" long x 0.75" diameter, 3.5" long x 0.75" diameter,
4" long x 1" diameter

Condition: Good

Description: Items are numbered 1 to 4 according to increase in size. Items are hollow, black and shaped like phalli with a small hole through the tip. Items are enclosed in original box in slotted compartments. Items were shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.II-QQ

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: 609-494-0217

Object: Brown-Buerger Cytoscope tools in wood case (17 separate pieces)

II - wood case

JJ.1-2 - two wood parts that attach to the inside cover of the case

KK - main part of instrument

LL - additional instrument part (with clip)

MM - additional instrument part (with screw-in end)

NN.1-6 - six rubber cylinders

OO.1-2 - two loose pieces of felt

PP.1-2 - one small cardboard box with a light bulb in it

QQ - metal plate; "Wappler Electric Company, Inc."

Date: 1903 (KK)

1912 (LL)

Artist or Maker: "Brown-Buerger Cytoscope" is pressed into a metal tab on the inside of the lid, but a loose metal plate inside the box reads "Wappler Electric Company, Inc." The trademark image for Wappler Electric is found on the main pieces of the instrument itself.

Material: metal (KK, LL, MM, QQ, box hinges, clasp, and name plates attached to cover)

wood (II)

felt (OO)

rubber (NN)

cardboard box (PP.1)

glass (PP.2)

Dimensions: II: 12 ½" x 4" x 1 ¾"

KK: 12 ¼" x 2 ¼"

LL: 10" x 3/4"

MM: 11" x 3/4"

Condition: Good - case is slightly dusty and dirty; metal "Brown-Buerger" plate in cover is bent; "Wappler Electric" plate is loose in the case; white adhesive tape on cover of box; cellophane tape on box

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice.

Additional Comments: There is a second name plate in the cover that reads "Edward A. Merkel, Surgical Supplies, Philadelphia, PA". This was probably where the instrument was purchased.

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Accession #: 1997.1.RR-WW

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Object: B-D Yale Tonsil Needle (6 separate pieces)

RR - needle

SS - needle cover for RR

TT - short needle

UU - cylindrical cover for TT

VV - short needle at end of long instrument

WW - original box

DATE: unknown

Artist or Maker: Becton, Dickinson & Company, Rutherford, NJ

Material: metal (RR-VV)

cardboard (WW)

cotton (WW)

Dimensions: RR: 3 1/4" x 1/4"

SS: 1 1/8" x 1/8"

TT: 1 3/4" x 1/4"

UU: 1 1/2" x 1/4"

VV: 4 1/4" x 1/4"

WW: 5" x 1/2" x 1/2"

Condition: Good - VV is slight oxidized; cotton in box is soiled; needles are slightly bent

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. The box reads "B-D Yale Tonsil Needle/Gold Cannula/No.465 LNS (Straight)/Size - 23 Gauge 3/4"/Becton, Dickinson & Co./Rutherford, N.J.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.XX-GGG

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Object: Jarcho Pressometer

- XX - pamphlet describing use of instrument (red, grey, black, white)
- YY - pamphlet describing assembly (black, gray, white)
- ZZ - manometer (includes attached pressure bulb and tube and attached stand)
- AAA - rubber stopper for glass reservoir
- BBB - self-retaining cannula
- CCC - long blue "pipe cleaner"
- DDD - glass reservoir containing mercury
- E~~E~~E - directions tag for manometer
- FFF - wood case
- G~~G~~G - paper describing care of rubber bulbs (black, white)

DATE: 1937

Artist or Maker: Becton, Dickensian & Company, Rutherford, NJ

Material: metal (ZZ, BBB, DDD, metal tag in box lid)
cardboard (E~~E~~E)
glass (ZZ, DDD)
paper (XX, YY, GGG)
rubber (ZZ, AAA)

Dimensions: XX: 6" x 3 1/2" (folded); 10" x 11" (opened flat)
YY: 6" x 3 1/2" (folded); 6" x 7" (opened flat)
ZZ: 10" x 3" (folded)
AAA: 1 1/4" x 1"
BBB: 12" x 2 1/2"
CCC: 14"
DDD: 12" x 1 3/4"
E~~E~~E: 2 3/4" x 2"
FFF: 1 3/4" x 13 1/2" x 2"

G&G: 4 1/2" x 3"

Condition: Fair - rubber parts are dry, case is dusty, paper pieces are stained and need flattening

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. The Jarcho Pressometer was "suggested for uterosalpingography and pyelography" and was named after Julius Jarcho. The instrument was used to insert oil into the uterus in order to get a clear x-ray.

Additional Comments: This is a B-D Product made by Becton, Dickenson & Co. And was probably purchased at Edward A. Merkel, Philadelphia. (A metal plate in the cover of the box carries this name.)

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Accession #: 1997.1.HHH - *IIII*

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Object: Singer Surgical Stitching Instrument

HHH - 16 page instruction booklet including covers (grey, black, white)

III - leather case

JJJ - handle, needle holder bar, and spool holder, (one piece) with threaded spool attached

KKK - needle clamp (short)

LLL - needle clamp (long)

MMM - cleaning brush

NNN - spool winder thread guide

OOO - spool winder spindle

PPP- RRR. - three spools

SSS -BBBB - ten needle packets (two are empty, one needle is loose in case)

CCCC - DDDD - 2 large needles

EEEE -*IIII* - 5 small needles

DATE: 1942

Artist or Maker: Singer Sewing Machine Company

Material: metal (JJJ, KKK, LLL, MMM, NNN, OOO, PPP-RRR, CCCC - DDDD, EEEE - *IIII*,

snaps on case and needles)

cardboard (SSS - BBB)

cellophane (SSS - BBB)

leather (III)

paper (HHH)

Dimensions: HHH: 8 1/2" x 11"

III: 3 1/4" x 10 1/4" x 1"

JJJ: 6 3/4" x 3/4"

KKK: 6" x 1/4"

LLL: 7" x 1/4"

MMM: 7 3/4" x 1/2"

NNN: 2" x 1/4"
OOO: 1 3/4" x 1/2"
PPP - RRR: 1/2" x 1/4" (each)
SSS - BBBB: 1" x 2"
CCCC - DDDD: 1" x 1" (curved)
EEEE - IIII: 1/2" x 1/2" (curved)

Condition: Fair - booklet is creased, folded, stained, soiled, and slightly torn
case is slightly worn and soiled
Cleaning brush is missing bristles
Needles in packets are rusted; packets are stained with adhesive and rust

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. This instrument was used for suturing wounds. The case is lined in blue velvet and has fitted compartments for each piece and one compartment with a lid where loose needles are stored. "The Singer Surgical Stitching Instrument" is embossed on the inside cover.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.CCCC

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Object: Sperti UV Lamp

Date:

Artist or Maker: Sperti UV Lamp

Material: metal (black and silver)

glass

rubber

fabric (cord cover)

Dimensions: 6" x 10" x 6 ½" (open)

2 ¾" x 10" x 6 ½" (closed)

Condition: Good - brackets that holds light bulb in is rusted; black paint is scratched off metal in some places; slightly soiled and dusty overall

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. A metal label attached to the end of the lamp reads " CAUTION/Do not look into the lamp without wearing/goggles. Over exposure will result in severe/sunburn. Read instructions carefully before use./Do not use in cases of Pellagra, Lupus/Erythematosus or certain types of Eczema/Model P-100/100 120 Volts AC or DC 560 Watts/Sparta Inc/Cincinnati, Ohio." The lamp is a long, cylindrical glass tube encased in reflective metal when opened. There is a switch next to the bulb to turn it on. The bulb sits in a black metal box that is attached to a metal stand. A cord with a plug runs out the back for use in an ordinary electric outlet.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.DDDD - HHHH

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Object: Cameron Diagnostoset variable power source

DDDD - case

EEEE - power source

FFFF - promotional pamphlet

GGGG - brown power cord

HHHH - red power cord

Date:

Artist or Maker: Cameron Surgical Specialty Company

Material: metal (black and silver; case hinges and clasps; power source, cord connectors)
glass (red indicator light)
felt (purple; case lining)
plastic (power source encasement; knobs; cord casings)
paper (black, white, red, gold; pamphlet and maker's label)
leather (handle)

Dimensions: DDDD: 10 3/4" x 12" x 8 3/4" (closed); 17 1/2" x 12" x 8 3/4" (opened)

EEEE: 9" x 10 3/4" x 7 3/4"

FFFF: 9 1/2" x 26 1/2" (original size: a piece about 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" is torn out)

GGGG: too fragile to unravel for measurement

HHHH: stuck together - cannot unravel for measurement

Condition: Fair - the power source is dusty and slightly worn;
the case is slightly soiled inside and out; the case hinges, clasps and other
hardware are rusty and the leather handle is worn and the leather is missing in
spots;
the brown cord is cracked and loses material when touched;
the red cord is stuck in one spot to its own jack; both cords are soiled;
the pamphlet has a large piece torn from it, but with the main piece; it is folded,

creased, and torn; slightly soiled

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. A gold paper label in the cover of the case reads "Cameron Surgical Specialty Co./Chicago * London* New York/807 Otis Bldg., Sixteenth and Sansom Sts./Philadelphia, Penna./W. Augustus Coles/District Representative/Tel. Rittenhouse 9545"; The power source itself is designed in the Art Deco style and has dials and jack outlets labeled "Lights/On/Off", "Ground", "Active", "Bipolar" and a dial with numbers reading one through six "Low" to "High". This is a portable power source for the Cameron Electro-Diagnostoset which provided different light instruments for examination of different body parts.

Additional Comments: The design of the case and power source is distinctive . The power source is labeled "Cameron" in Art Deco-style lettering on the metal indicator dials plate. The power source sits inside the purple, felt-lined case, which is fairly striking especially for a piece of medical equipment. The piece that was torn from the pamphlet was stored in the case for the Cameron Electro-Diagnostoset instruments that are also a part of this donation (See 1997.1.III)

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Accession #: 1997.1.III -0000

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Object: Cameron Electro - Diagnostoset (lighted diagnostic instruments)

III - case

JJJ.1-2 - Right Angle Dentalamp (2)

KKKK - Antralamp

LLLL.1-2 - Oralite with tongue depressor

MMMM.1-4 - Vitrohm Potential Adjuster with cord and two attachments

NNNN.1-4 - Diagnostoscope head and three aural speculae

OOOO.1-2 - Laryngoscopic and Post Nasal Mirrors

Date: The two Dentalamps, the Antralamp, and the Oralite show patent dates ranging from 1916 to 1924.

Artist or Maker: Cameron Surgical Specialty Company

Material: metal (silver; case hinges and clasps; all instruments)

glass (bulbs for Dentalamp, Antralamp, Oralite; lens for Diagnostoscope; mirrors for Laryngoscopic and Post Nasal Mirrors)

velvet (purple; case lining)

plastic (Bakelite; Oralite handle and other small parts)

rubber (black, red; protective covers for Dentalamp and Antralamp, part of Diagnostoscope head and cord of Vitrohm Potential Adjuster)

ribbon (in lid of case with manufacturer's name)

Dimensions: III: 2" x 9 3/4" x 7" (closed); 8" x 9 3/4" x 7" (opened)

JJJ.1-2: 4 3/4" x 3/4" (each)

KKKK: 4 3/4" x 1/2"

LLLL.1: 5 3/4" x 1 1/4"

LLLL.2: 4 1/4" x 1 1/4"

MMMM.1: 6 1/4" x 1 1/2"

MMMM.2: 7 1/2" x 1 1/4"

MMMM.3: 1 1/4" x 1 1/4"

MMMM.4: 1 3/4" x 1/2"

NNNN.1: 2 3/4" x 2"

NNNN.2-3: 1 3/4" 1 1/4" (each)

OOOO.1: 2 1/4" x 3/4"

OOOO.2: 2 1/4" x 1/2"

Condition: Good - the case is soiled and worn; there are scraps of cotton and cotton lint in the bottom of the case; the velvet lining is pulling away slightly at the right hand edge

the Dentalamps and Antralamp have some corrosion at the ends

the tongue depressor attachment is slightly soiled

the Vitrohm Potential Adjuster is slightly rusted

the Diagnostoscope head is slightly soiled

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. A purple ribbon label in the cover of the case reads "Cameron Surgical Specialty Co./Chicago USA". This set of lighted diagnostic instruments is a smaller version of the deluxe model that included sixteen instruments. The Diagnostoscope is missing a handle, "an airtight chamber for aural massage and aspiration and an adjustable trigger nasal retractor". The two mirrors are meant to work with the "Diagnostolite" which is also missing from this set. The Oralite is missing an "interchangeable tongue depressor holder."

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.PPPP - RRRR

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Object: sigmoidoscopic forceps

PPPP - wood box

QQQQ - sigmoidoscopic forceps

RRRR - heavy cardboard used for lid on box

Date:

Artist or Maker: Pilling

Material: metal (silver)

wood (box)

cardboard (box lid)

string (used to tie lid to box)

Dimensions: PPPP: 3/4" x 23" x 5 3/4"

QQQQ: 22 1/2" x 3 3/4"

RRRR: 6 3/4" x 21 1/4"

Condition: Fair - the box is slightly soiled and there is a crack in the bottom;
the forceps are slightly rusted at the tip;
the box lid is very worn and somewhat stained;
the string is frayed and stained

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. The forceps have alligator jaws and were used for biopsy. It is unclear if the wood box is the original box for the forceps. It is a simple, roughly made box, probably pine. The lid that was used for the box is not long enough to cover it completely and was simply a piece of cardboard that was tied onto the box with string. Handwritten in pencil on the cardboard lid is a very careful calendar of eight weeks and two days that describes food eaten each day and the type of bowel movement for that day.

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Accession #: 1997.1.SSSS -WWWW

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

Address: [REDACTED]

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Object: box of medical instruments

SSSS - box

TTTT - Lentz & Sons curette forceps

UUUU - circular biting forceps

VVVV - retractor

WWWW.1-6 - 1 box of five "Throw-Away Blades"

Date:

Artist or Maker:

Material: metal (silver)

cardboard (large and small box)

Dimensions: SSSS: 1 3/4" x 14 1/2" x 7"

TTTT: 7 1/4" x 2 1/4"

UUUU: 8 1/2" x 3 1/4"

VVVV: 8 1/2" x 1/4"

WWWW.1: 1/2" x 6 3/4" x 1"

WWWW.2-6: 3/4" x 6 1/2"

Condition: Fair - the box is very stained on part of the bottom;
there is some very slight rusting on the handle of the curette forceps;
the "Throw Away" blades are rusted; the small box that contains them is
stained

Description: Item was shared by Mary Spears, M.D., Marion West, M.D., Helen K. Grace, M.D. and Jo Anne Overleese, M.D. in Dr. Overleese's medical practice. These instruments are not really part of a set, but are housed together in a box that reads, "'Roche' Serving the Medical Profession the World Over". The box lid shows a design that includes a mortar and pestle the "Roche" crest, and the RX prescription symbol. The box that contains the "Throw Away" blades

reads, "Throw-Away Blades/For the Padgett-Hood Dermatome/Kansas City Assemblage Company/611 E. 17th Street Kansas City 8, Missouri." The word "Large" is handwritten on the box top.

Additional Comments:

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Accession #: 1997.1.XXXX - CCCCC

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.
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Object: surgical tool set

XXXX - large scissors
YYYY - large blunt hook with curved handle
ZZZZ - large blunt hook with perpendicular handle
AAAAA- large probe with engraved graduations
BBBBB - cork-screw-ended instrument
CCCCC - uterine dilator with four blades

Date:

Artist or Maker:

Material: metal (silver and silver plated instruments)

Dimensions: XXXX: 13" x 4"
YYYY: 11 3/4" x 1 3/4"
ZZZZ: 13" x 4 1/2"
AAAAA: 13 1/4" x 1/2"
BBBBB: 11 3/4" x 1/2"
CCCCC: 10" x 3/4"

Condition: Fair - the scissors are very rusted;
the large blunt hook with the curved handle is very slightly corroded and worn;
the large blunt hook with the perpendicular handle is slightly corroded;
the large probe is tarnished and slightly bent;
the cork-screw-ended instrument is very slightly corroded;
the uterine dilator is somewhat corroded

Description: These instruments were used by Catherine MacFarlane, M.D., an 1898 graduate of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. They were found in a metal sterilizer that was also donated to the Archives and Special Collection on Women in Medicine. The scissors has a

maker's mark that is partially illegible. It reads, "R. ??nisch, Inventor/Newark, N.J., 1859". The probe is marked "Miltex/Germany".

Additional Comments: Catherine MacFarlane was a well-known and distinguished physician. There is a great deal of information about her in the Archives and Special Collection.

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Accession #: 1997.1.DDDDD.1 - 3

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.
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Object: metal sterilizer

- .1 - large bottom tray
- .2 - smaller inner tray
- .3 - lid

Date:

Artist or Maker: Wasserott Brothers

Material: metal (brass plated silver metal)

Dimensions: .1: 3 3/4" x 15 3/4" x 5 3/4" (height includes upturned handles)
.2: 2 1/4" x 15 1/4" x 5 1/2"
.3: 3/4" x 16" x 6"

Condition: Fair - all three pieces of the sterilizers are somewhat corroded and soiled

Description: This sterilizer was used by Catherine MacFarlane, M.D., an 1898 graduate of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Several of her surgical instruments were found inside it. They were also donated to the Archives and Special Collection on Women in Medicine. The large bottom piece of the sterilizer has a handle at each end and is fitted to sit over a stove burner. The smaller, inner tray has forty-four holes in the bottom and also has handles. This piece is meant to sit inside the bottom piece and hold instruments for sterilizing. The lid also has a handle at the top. A painted decal on the lid reads, "Wasserott Brothers/Wilkes Barre, PA/Quality."

Additional Comments: Catherine MacFarlane was a well-known and distinguished physician. There is a great deal of information about her in the Archives and Special Collection.

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Accession #: 1997.1.EEEEE

Date: July 29, 1997

Source: Jo Anne Overleese, M.D.

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Object: painting

Date:

Artist or Maker: Paul Gorka

Material: oil on canvas
wood frame

Dimensions: 2' 1/4" x 3' 13/4" (excluding frame)
2' 1" x 3' 2" x 1" (including frame)

Condition: Fair - there is a 1" x 1 1/4" patch of loss at the upper left; the canvas is wearing in through in that spot as well; there is another spot of loss in the right center of the painting. This is less than an eighth of an inch in size. The painting is soiled and the frame is worn.

Description: The painting is a landscape of a strip-mined area in Pittsburgh, PA. It shows low cliffs in the middle ground with barren trees and small bushes scattered in the foreground. There is scrub brush on the cliffs and distant hills in the horizon. The top third of the canvas shows a gray and cloudy sky. The predominant colors are shades of gray, brown, beige, and white. The artist's signature is clearly legible in the lower left hand corner. There is a label on the back that reads, "Pearl Fox/ Fine Paintings/103 Windsor Avenue/Melrose Park, Philadelphia 26, Pa./CA 4-2208 ME 5-4586/Landscape/Paul Gorka/\$375."