



Joslin Diabetes Center Artifact Collection: Guide

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Descriptive Summary

Repository: Joslin Diabetes Center Special Collections

Location: Special Collections Library; Archive Room (7th Floor)

Creator: Joslin Diabetes Center

Title: Joslin Diabetes Center photograph collection

Date(s): 1869-1996

Quantity: 12 boxes and 37 items

Abstract: Contains artifacts and memorabilia from the Joslin Diabetes Center that document its history, staff and functions.

Processing Information:

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Access Restrictions

Access is restricted; consult repository for details.

Arrangement

Grouped into boxes by like items. Unboxed items labeled with identifying tags containing an alpha-numeric identifier with the format JDC ###

Scope and Content

Collection consists of artifacts collected by Elliott P. Joslin and the Joslin Diabetes Center that reflect the history of the clinic as well as the history of diabetes treatment and insulin therapy. Includes laboratory equipment and instrumentation, chemicals, and insulin injection kits that date from the early 1930s to the modern era. Also includes personal memorabilia of Elliott P. Joslin such as awards and medals earned for his service to the diabetic and scientific community, medical equipment, and gifts of appreciation from patients.

Container List

Box 1 - Insulin Injection Kits, 1930s-1990s

Contains needless, wires and syringes for insulin injection. Range of examples from 1930s to 1980s

Box 2 - Insulin Injection Kits, 1930s-1990s

Contains needles, wires and syringes for insulin in injection and urine-sugar analysis kits. Contains pharmaceuticals.

Box 3 - Chemicals and Reagents, undated

Includes 12 glass bottles and vials of chemicals. Also includes a leather pouch containing pharmaceuticals that belonged to Elliott P. Joslin.

Box 4 – Insulin Injection Kits

Contains needles, wires and syringes for insulin injection.

Box 5 – Elliott P. Joslin Laboratory Equipment, undated

Contains set of gram weights, scales, glass mortar and pestle, and doctor's bag equipment such as tweezers, scissors, surgical thread.

Box 6 – Insulin Injection Supplies, undated, probably 1930-1950s

Sterilizing lamps, medicine droppers and needle sharpening stone.

Box 7 – Medals, undated

125 Joslin Medals. Bulk are Life Expectancy and To Those Who Tried. Also includes one 50 year medal.

Box 8 – Elliott P. Joslin Medals, undated

Eight medals awarded to EPJ including French Legion of Honor, American Legion, AMA Service Medal, J. Howard Reber Memorial Medal. Also includes Howard N. Root medals, plaques and memorabilia.

Boxes 9-12 – Glass Laboratory Equipment, undated

- JDC 001 EPJ Brass Microscope, undated
- JDC 002 EPJ's Stethoscope, undated
- JDC 003 Dietary gram scale, undated
- JDC 004 Benedict's Solution, undated
Monogrammed silver canister containing Benedict's solution.
- JDC 005 Electromagnetic test equipment, probably 1898
- JDC 006 Blood Sugar Kit, undated
- JDC 007 Hemometer, undated
- JDC 008 Hickory Gavel Presented by Mr Joseph Avila, 1961 November 4
- JDC 009 Native black walnut gavel presented to EPJ by Joseph Cheney, 1958 August
- JDC 010 Elevator call button from 81 Bay State Road, undated
- JDC 011 Open-window proportional flow counter, early 1950s
First apparatus to detect radioactivity in biological samples.
- JDC 012 Set of ceramic bowls, undated
- JDC 013 Wooden tray with carvings, undated
- JDC 014 Medical tuning fork, undated
- JDC 015 Diabetic candies in tin
- JDC 016 Howard N. Root otoscope case

- JDC 017 Howard N. Root Medals
Burgundy leather bound wooden case with containing two medals. Located in Box 8.
- JDC 018 Joslin Diabetes Center Commemorative Mug, undated
- JDC 019 EPJ Medical Bag, undated
Leather split-handle medical bag containing instruments and supplies.
- JDC 020 Portable Apothecary Chest, undated
Small wooded apothecary chest containing some pharmaceuticals in liquid and powder form.
- JDC 021 Medical Bag, undated
Leather medical bag containing scalpel, clamps and scissors.
- JDC 022 EPJ Insulin Equipment Kit, undated
Brown leather tool box containing electrical elements for sterilization, insulin, and empty test tubes.
- JDC 023 Nurse MacKay Home Blood Glucose Kit, undated
Wooden box containing blood glucose and insulin equipment.
- JDC 024 Dr. Marble Otoscope/ Ophthalmoscope, undated
Small case with scope and tips. Dr. Marble's name and address on inside of kit.
- JDC 025 Eli Lilly Insulin Doll, undated
- JDC 026 AcuCheck Blook Glucose Meter, undated
Includes meter and medical diary.
- JDC 027 EPJ Suitcase with medical equipment, undated
Hard-sided suitcase containing blood pressure meter, hot water bottle and B-D brand Asepto Syringe.
- JDC 028 Demonstration Kit, undated
Bakelite case with insulin injection equipment.
- JDC 029 William Mingace Take Home Kit, 1953-1954
Take-home injection kit, needles and documentation belonging to patient William Mingace. Also includes letters from EPJ and the Joslin Diabetes Foundation.
- JDC 030 EPJ Nameplate, undated
- JDC 031 EPJ Plaque, undated
Hand-carved wooded plaque
- JDC 032 Ceramic Jar, undated
"Joslin Under the Stars" commemorative ceramic jar. Designed by Tiffany.
- JDC 033 Paperweight, undated
Acrylic paperweight with images of building exterior, Bay State Road and the Victory Medal.
- JDC 034 Insulin Stand, undated
Stand to hold insulin vials. AM and PM slots for 7 days of the week.
- JDC 035 Banting and Best Framed Insulin Chart, 1941 June 01
Framed portion of an original chart presented to EPJ by C.H. Best. Autograph notation on verso.

- JDC 036 High Hopes Gala Favor, undated
*Candy Tin with Joslin Diabetes Center logo commemorating World Diabetes Day.
Contains breath mints.*
- JDC 037 Root Wing Dedication Souvenir, 1976
*Commemorative trowel/letter opener from the dedication of the Howard Root
Wing. 14 total.*