

Edward N. DeWitt ophthalmology lantern slides

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 114

CREATOR: DeWitt, Edward N., 1887-1983

TITLE: Edward N. DeWitt ophthalmology lantern slides

DATES: circa 1931-1956

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection includes 96 lantern slides on the topic of ophthalmology created by Edward N. DeWitt (1887-1983) for use in lectures and handwritten lecture notes. Topics include tumors, signs of trauma, lectures on anatomy and muscles, and microscopic views of retinas. Slides from lectures I.-IV. are from the Bausch & Lomb "Human eye in anatomical transparencies" series, 1943. Slides in box 1 are black and white, slides in box 2 are in color.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0114>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Kathryn DeWitt and Elizabeth Staber, 2015 and 2017.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Edward N. DeWitt (1887-1983) was an ophthalmologist and educator who spent his career working in Connecticut. He was the fourth ophthalmologist to be board certified in the State of Connecticut. DeWitt was born in Hastings, Minnesota, attended Harvard as an undergraduate, and completed his MD at the University of Pennsylvania Medical College in 1917. He worked as a senior surgical intern at Bridgeport Hospital before serving in the US Army Medical Corps in World War I. After the war he entered practice as an ophthalmologist and otologist with Doctor Dorlan Smith in Bridgeport. He was a clinical instructor in ocular pathology from 1931-1936, then assistant clinical professor from 1936-1942 at the Yale University Medical School. He was chief of the Department of Ophthalmology at Bridgeport Hospital from 1948 to 1953 and was a consulting ophthalmologist at St. Vincent's Hospital and Fairfield Hills Hospital, Newtown.

During his career, DeWitt was a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and the American College of Surgeons; a member of the Association of Research in Ophthalmology, the Bridgeport Medical Society, the Connecticut Medical Society, the Connecticut State Committee for the Blind, the Fairfield County Medical Society, and the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology; and a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Anatomy -- Study and teaching
Medical education
Ophthalmology

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DeWitt, Edward N., 1887-1983
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