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Guide to the E. Harvey Estes Interview, 2007

E. Harvey Estes is a former Durham Veterans Affairs Hospital physician and administrator and the former chair of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke University Medical Center.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: E. Harvey Estes Interview, 2007

Creator: Estes, E. Harvey (Edward Harvey), 1925-

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Biographical Note

Dr. E. Harvey Estes was born in Gay, Ga., in 1925. He graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and also received his medical degree from Emory. He received an internship from Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, began his residency at Grady, and completed it at Duke University Hospital.

Dr. Estes joined Duke's staff in 1953. He became chief of the cardiology service at the Durham VA Hospital in 1953, a position which he held until 1954. He was the chief of the medical service at the Durham VA Hospital from 1958 to 1963. From 1966 until 1985, Dr. Estes served as the chair of Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke.

Dr. Estes is past president of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina as well as the North Carolina Heart Association and is a member of a number of other prominent boards and committees in the local area, the region, and the nation. He has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific articles, and has been listed in

Who's Who in America

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Collection Overview

Contains CD and transcript of an oral history interview with E. Harvey Estes, former Durham Veterans Affairs Hospital physician and administrator and former chair of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke University Medical Center.

Online Catalog Headings

Duke University.

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Estes, Edward Harvey, 1925-

History of Medicine -- North Carolina -- Personal Narratives.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Interview on 25 June 2007

In this interview, Dr. Estes speaks about knowing Dr. Grace Kerby when he was on the faculty in the Department of Medicine; Dr. Kerby's driven nature; Dr. Kerby organizing the house staff schedules in the Department of Medicine; Dr. Kerby as the only chief resident who did not participate in the chair of the Department of Medicine Dr. Eugene Stead's required psychological sessions with psychiatrist Dr. Bingham Dai; Dr. Kerby as being too narrow socially; respect for Dr. Kerby; Dr. Kerby's compulsiveness and rigidity; Bess Cebe, Dr. Stead's administrative assistant; the warmth of Bess Cebe; Cebe as being helpful in a specific crisis; the few other women in the Department of Medicine during the 1960s; Dr. Eva Salber in the Department of Community and Family Medicine; South African protestors of Apartheid at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Dr. Eva Salber and husband, Harry, leaving South Africa and going to Boston; Salber's coming to Chapel Hill; Dr. Eva Salber potentially taking over Lincoln Community Health Center; Dr. Evelyn Schmidt taking this position; Dr. Salber in the Department of Community and Family Medicine; Dr. Salber conducting a needs assessment of the surrounding community; Dr. Salber setting up a system of community leaders as healthcare givers; Dr. Salber's deep involvement with rural elders; Dr. Salber's equal treatment of African-Americans; Dr. Salber's interest in medical students; Connie Service; Becky Heron; Susan Yaggy; the loss of the Division of Community Medicine when Dr. Salber retired, before Susan Yaggy took over the division; Kathy Andolsek; women at the time as being more interested in becoming family doctors than men; culture differences in having mostly women in divisions of the department; maternity policies; tenure being not as important in Community and Family Medicine as in other departments; Dorothy Naumann being in charge of student health; residents in the department going into the community as opposed to joining the faculty; problems with this approach; Joyce Nichols, the first African-American female physician assistant; physician assistants as currently a more female-dominated group; Dr. Evelyn Schmidt; praise for Dr. Schmidt's leadership at Lincoln Community Health Center; funding as an issue in the Department of Community and Family Medicine; the Duke Diet and Fitness Center; Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans; healthcare for Mrs. Semans; healthcare received by his wife; the Nearly New Shoppe; the wives of Duke faculty being involved in creating the used clothing store; and the current state of Nearly New Shoppe.

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Interview CD [1 CD (1 hour and 52 minutes total)]

Transcript [37 pages]

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