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Guide to the Edward C. Halperin Interview, 2007

Dr. Edward C. Halperin is a former vice dean of Duke University School of Medicine.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Edward C. Halperin Interview, 2007

Creator: Halperin, Edward C.

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Biographical Note

Dr. Edward C. Halperin is former vice dean of Duke University School of Medicine, R. J. Reynolds Professor of Medical Education, and a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology and Pediatrics at Duke University School of Medicine. In 2007, Halperin became the Dean of the School of Medicine, Ford Foundation Professor of Medical Education, and professor of radiation oncology, pediatrics, and history at the University of Louisville. Along with his scientific publications, Dr. Halperin has written about Duke history and medical history.

Collection Overview

Contains CD and transcript of an oral history interview with Dr. Edward C. Halperin, former vice dean of Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. Halperin talks about the role of women at Duke Medicine throughout the institution's history.

Online Catalog Headings

Duke University.

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

Halperin, Edward C.

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Related Material

Detailed Description of the Collection

Interview on 29 May 2007

Dr. Halperin speaks about Duke Medicine's beginnings as a coeducational institution; Duke as influenced by the Abraham Flexner Report on medicine; Flexner as supportive of women's medical education; Duke's initial faculty as being from the coeducational institution, Johns Hopkins; Sir William Osler (an important influence on Wilburt Davison, the first dean of Duke Medical School) as favoring medical education for women; Dr. Davison's thoughts on this matter as being unknown to Dr. Halperin; Bessie Baker as the first dean of the Duke School of Nursing; stratifications of nursing by race; the building of Lincoln Community Hospital; Dr. Susan Dees; women's roles in medicine in the 1950s; Dorothy Beard assisting her husband Dr. Joseph Beard in his laboratory; Dr. Halperin as a one-time physician to Dorothy Beard in her later years; Bess Cebe, administrative assistant to former Department of Medicine chair, Dr. Eugene Stead; women physicians typically being only in certain specialties in earlier times; Dr. Grace Kerby; specialties women were more involved in; Susan Lowenthal, an early resident in psychiatry; culture for women medical students; pornographic images of women used in an anatomy text produced by three Duke professors in the late 1960s and early 1970s; the national boycott of the book; changes in medical culture for women over time; policies at Duke to change the culture for women in medicine; his own role in setting up an adoption leave policy; his establishment of the Butler-Harris chair in the Division of Radiation-Oncology, which can only be held by a woman or minority; Dr. Sara Dent, anesthesiologist; Zelda Fitzgerald as a patient at Duke-owned Highland Hospital; and Mary Semans.

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Interview CD [1 CD (48 minutes total)]

Transcript [22 pages]

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