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Guide to the Charles B. Hammond Interview, 2004

Charles B. Hammond is professor emeritus of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Charles B. Hammond Interview, 2004

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Extent: 1 record storage box, 3 items, .5 linear feet

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Biographical/Historical Note

Charles Bessellieu Hammond was born in 1936 in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. As the son of a career army colonel he attended the Citadel for three years. In 1959, he enrolled in Duke University as a second-year medical student (M.D., 1961). He subsequently completed an internship in surgery at Duke which included an obstetrics and gynecology residency, training for one year in the research training program, and a two-year post as a clinical associate at the National Cancer Institute (Bethesda, Md.) in endocrinology.

Dr. Hammond joined the faculty of Duke University School of Medicine faculty in 1968. He served as chief of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility in Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1970 to 1980. In 1980 he became chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, where he served until becoming Professor Emeritus 2002. As the E. C. Hamblen Professor of Reproductive Biology and Family Planning, his emphases have been primarily in reproductive endocrinology and infertility as well as placental malignancy, choriocarcinoma, and other diseases.

Dr. Hammond has been active in many organizations in the obstetrics and gynecology field. He served as president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Gynecologic Club, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and as director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is a member of the Residency Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology, and has been actively involved in educational and administrative positions in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, including the chairmanship of District IV. He is also a fellow of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science.

Dr. Hammond has written or coauthored over 300 articles and chapters and is on the editorial board of five journals. In 2003, he received the Leonard Palumbo, Jr., MD, Faculty Achievement Award for compassionate patient care and excellence in the mentoring of young physicians.

Collection Overview

Contains audiotapes and transcript of oral history interview with Charles B. Hammond, professor emeritus of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University. A portion of this interview is restricted until 2015.

Online Catalog Headings

Hammond, Charles B. (Charles Bessellieu), 1936-

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Interview on June 2, 2004

Dr. Hammond discusses the history of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University including faculty, divisions, facilities, research, fellowships and resident education, relocations, his goals as chair of department, National Institutes of Health funding, changes in ease of funding since becoming chair. He also discusses colleague Dr. F. Bayard "Nick" Carter and Dr. Robert Ross; birth of his own children at Duke; family atmosphere of department; rural Outrider program; Lincoln Hospital; Watts Hospital; racial integration of Duke Hospital; Carter Club; Raleigh Community Hospital; feminist movement; changing gender makeup of the department; generational differences in practitioners; patient acceptance of both genders in physicians; humanism in student education; changing technology in the field; personal research experiences; flexible nature of obstetrics and gynecology; pride in Duke Medical Center; and medical liability.

Box 1

Interview tapes [2 audiotapes (1 hours and 20 minutes total)]

Transcript [28 pages]