



Finding Aid for

**HENRY FORD HOSPITAL PUBLICATIONS COLLECTION,  
1925-1990 (bulk 1929-1950)  
Accession 924**

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## OVERVIEW

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 924

**CREATOR:** Ford Motor Company. Archives.

**TITLE:** Henry Ford Hospital publications collection

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1925-1990

**BULK DATES:** 1929-1950

**QUANTITY:** 0.4 cubic ft.

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English

**ABSTRACT:** Henry Ford founded the Henry Ford Hospital in 1915. The hospital expanded and in 1990 was reorganized as the Henry Ford Health System. The collection includes publications from the hospital and affiliated institutions.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open for research
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to The Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** Ford Motor Company donation, 1964 and ongoing
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 924, Henry Ford Hospital publications collection, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed by Ford Motor Company Archives staff, August 1964.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared and published by Ford Motor Company Archives staff in August 1964.
- Finding aid prepared by Elyssa Bisoski, November 2011, and published in November 2011.
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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Henry Ford Hospital, the first of Henry Ford's major philanthropies, was established by him in 1915 as an experiment in medical economics. Ford wanted to provide medical care and treatment at a reasonable charge and at actual cost. Early hallmarks were the development of an outpatient department, an emphasis on the importance of preventive health care, and collaboration among specialists within a group practice. Ford organized a closed staff of physicians and surgeons, a number from Johns Hopkins University, who developed a threefold commitment to patient care, research, and medical education. In 1925 the Clara Ford Nurses Home, designed by Albert Kahn, opened; the first class of nurses graduated in 1927. The Edsel B. Ford Institute for Medical Research was established in 1947 as a formal division of scientific research, evolving into Henry Ford Health Sciences Center. Expansion and name changes for the complex continued throughout the decade, and in 1990 a corporate reorganization established the Henry Ford Health System.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

An artificial collection that includes a publication entitled "Information for Patients of Henry Ford Hospital, " 1929, 1930, 1931, 1943, 1947, 1948, and undated; several announcement bulletins for the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing and Hygiene, 1925, 1926, 1929, 1942, and 1950; a report entitled "Henry Ford Hospital: A Study of Growth, 1949"; a history entitled "Henry Ford Health System: 75 years is a great beginning," 1990; a 1924 reprint from Hospital Magazine; a publication entitled "Guide Posts to Health, " 1925; and *The Sonah*, an annual publication of the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing and Hygiene, 1929, 1934, and 1937.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Henry Ford Hospital  
Henry Ford Health System  
Henry Ford Hospital. School of Nursing and Hygiene.

### Subjects

Henry Ford Hospital--History  
Henry Ford Health System--History  
Hospitals--Michigan  
Nurses--Education  
Medical care--Michigan  
Philanthropists

### Genre and Form

Publications

## CONTAINER LIST

**Box no.**                      **Description**

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### Box 1

- Postcard of Henry Ford Hospital, undated
- "Information for Patients of the Henry Ford Hospital,"
  - April 1, 1929
  - March 1, 1930
  - September 1, 1931
  - Circa early 1930s (4 copies)
  - Circa 1947 (2 copies)
  - Undated
- "Announcement," Henry Ford Hospital, School of Nursing and Hygiene
  - 1925
  - 1926
  - 1929
  - 1942
  - 1950 (2 copies)
- "Guide Posts to Health," circa 1918
- "A Study of Growth," Henry Ford Hospital, 1949 (2 copies)
- "The Henry Ford Hospital Detroit: Its Organization, Policies, Plant," *Hospital Management*, November 1924
- "Henry Ford Hospital Detroit," undated
- The Sonah* (yearbook for the nursing school)
  - 1929 (2 copies)
  - 1934
  - 1937
- Departmental communication to Fred Smith at the Edison Institute concerning items to be donated, 1947
- List of contributions from the Ford Foundation, January 22, 1945 (including a large contribution to Henry Ford Hospital)
- "Henry Ford Health System: 75 Years is a Great Beginning," 1990