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Guide to the Illinois Society for Medical Research Records 1895-1975



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract The Illinois Society for Medical Research was organized in 1951 by doctors, biologists, and researchers to educate the public on the benefits of medical research, particularly on the necessity of animal experimentation. The Society Records contain correspondence, research manuscripts, manuscripts concerning legislative campaigns, printed matter, and newspaper clippings on issue of interest to the Society including vivisection and animal experimentation. The collection documents the Society's educational programs and lobbying efforts, as well as the day-to-day management of the Society.

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

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Historical Note

The Illinois Society for Medical Research was organized in 1951 by doctors, biologists, and researchers to educate the public on the benefits of medical research, particularly on the necessity of animal experimentation. The Society grew out of the earlier Illinois Society for the Protection of Medical Research which operated from 1928 to 1951.

The use of animals in medical research was introduced in Illinois by the Chicago medical schools at the start of the 20th century. In 1920, the Chicago Scientific Association was formed in cooperation with the Chicago Board of Health to ensure the proper distribution and humane treatment of impounded dogs that were used in teaching and research laboratories. Some public

organizations, such as the Chicago Anti-Vivisection Society, subsequently attempted to prohibit the practice of animal experimentation. In response to such protests and to the prohibitive legislation they supported, the Illinois Society for the Protection of Medical Research was formed in 1928. A. J. Carlson was chairman, A. C. Ivy (also of the Chicago Scientific Association) was Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Billings was honorary president, and Jane Addams and Charles Gilkey were among its councilors.

The Society was instrumental in the defeat of the Illinois Courtney Bill (1929) which proposed outlawing animal experimentation of all types, as well as the Chicago Bederman Bill (1931) which would have prohibited experimentation on dogs. It also supported the passage of the Chicago Arvey Ordinance (1931) which required unclaimed dogs of the city pounds to be made available to research universities for experimental purposes. The actions of the Chicago anti-vivisection groups were a favorite subject of the press, particularly in the papers owned by William Randolph Hearst, including the Chicago Herald-Examiner. Perhaps the most prominent champion of the anti-vivisection cause was Irene Castle McLaughlin, the Chicago entertainer and socialite. Irene Castle McLaughlin's exploits in the Chicago and Illinois courts and legislatures made headlines daily and did much to make animal experimentation one of the most hotly contested issues of the 20s, 30s and early 40s. After the Second World War those opposing animal experimentation were fewer and less vocal, in part due to the efforts of the Illinois medical societies and the National Society for Medical Research, which had been formed in 1946. These groups actively publicized the many medical advances utilized in the war made possible by animal experimentation. In 1951 the Illinois Society for the Protection of Medical Research was re-organized as the Illinois Society for Medical Research. It has continued to educate the public about medical activities through its lecture series, high school essay contests, and many publications. A more detailed account of the Society's early history can be found in the ISMR Bulletin.

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The Records of the Illinois Society for Medical Research are divided into five series: Series I: Correspondence and Research Manuscripts Concerning Legislative Campaigns; Series II: Research Manuscripts; Series III: Manuscripts Concerning Legislative Campaigns; Series IV: Printed Matter ; and Series V: Newsclippings.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

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- Illinois Society for Medical Research
- Vivisection
- Animal experimentation
- Medicine-Research

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- "American Physiological Approach to the Elucidation of Hyperparathyroidism"
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- "Animal Experimentation and Medical Progress"

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- "Another Article on Anti-Vivisection"
- "Beware of the Anti-Vivisectionist"
- "Chemistry Against Disease"
- "The Cost of the Anti-Vivisectionist Movement to the University of Chicago"
- "Has Anything Been Accomplished by Experiments on Dogs?"
- "A Health Crisis"
- "The Humane Movement in the United States"

- "The Importance of Experimentation in the Medical and Biological Sciences"
- "Is Animal Experimentation Cruel?"
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- "The Need of Animal Experimentation in Discovering and Perfecting Local Anesthetics"

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- "Renewed Anti-Vivisection Threat"
- "Science for Humanity"
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- Harvard Medical Alumni Bulletin
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- Health, an Osteopathic Publication
- Hospital Topics
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- Hunter, Rev. R. M., "Cruelty to Animals"

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- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Dental Journal
- Illinois Medical Journal
- Illinois Pesticides Control Committee, "Learning to Live with Pesticides"

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- Illinois Society for the Protection of Medical Research

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ISMR Bulletin, complete set (7/52-4/69)

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- Illinois Wildlife, "Illinois Prairie Chicken Needs Your Help"
- Institute of Medicine of Chicago
- Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences

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- Laboratory Animal Management
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- President's Science Advisory Committee
- Psychiatric Quarterly

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- Public Affairs Committee
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- Public Opinion Quarterly

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