The annual meeting of the MHSNJ will be held Wednesday, May 14, at The Nassau Club in Princeton. The eighteenth annual Morris H. Saffron Lecture will be delivered by J. Worth Estes, MD, American Association for the History of Medicine Professor of Pharmacology (History of Pharmacology), Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Estes will present "Naval Medicine in the Age of Sail." The Saffron Lecture is sponsored by the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. Registration begins at 3:30 pm; the program begins at 4 pm.

Business Meeting -- Murray A. Rosenberg, MD, President

Misreading the Bitch: Consequences for Medicine and Society at Large
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Jochle
Consulting Veterinary Scientist, Denville, New Jersey

The Death of General Albert Sidney Johnston
Kenneth G. Swan, MD, Professor of Surgery, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School
Michael H. Tarlowe, BA, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

On the Centenary of Sir Ronald Ross' Discovery of the Role of the Mosquito in the Life Cycle of the Malaria Parasite
Frank F. Katz, PhD
Professor Emeritus of Biology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey

Annals of Military Medicine: Galahad in Myitkyina -- Merrill's Marauders and Their Medical Problems
Murray A. Rosenberg, MD, President, MHSNJ;
Associate Professor of Radiology, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

Cocktails and Dinner (6-7:30 pm)
The Eighteenth Annual Morris H. Saffron Lecture (7:30):

*Naval Medicine in the Age of Sail*
J. Worth Estes, MD  
American Association for the History of Medicine Professor of Pharmacology  
(History of Pharmacology), Boston University School of Medicine

Members, students, and friends are invited to attend this dinner meeting. The cost is $40/members, $50/guests, and $20/students and medical residents. Advance registration is required. For information, contact Linda Bartolo, MHSNJ, 14 Washington Road, Suite 101, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, 609/275-1911.

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From the President:

**DUES AMNESTY.** Pay by May and save the day! To all members in dues arrears, protect your membership in our “Great Society.” We need your continued support (also your bucks!). Please take a minute now and write that check. You will be forever in our hearts.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on May 14.

Murray A. Rosenberg, MD

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**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

Judith Korek Amorosa, MD, was honored recently at the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council’s Sixth Annual Women of Distinction Award Ceremony. Dr. Amorosa was chosen for her leadership in promoting physical and emotional health, which corresponds to The World of Well Being - one of the five key areas that Girl Scouting addresses.

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John L. Colaizzi, PhD, Professor of Pharmacy and Dean, School of Pharmacy, Rutgers University, presented a paper March 11 on “The Future of Teaching the History of Pharmacy in Professional Curricula,” at a meeting of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP). The AIHP met during the American Pharmaceutical Association annual meeting held in Los Angeles.

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Gerald N. Grob, PhD, presided at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) in Williamsburg during the first week of April. Society members who presented papers were Karen Reeds, PhD, “Publishing Books on AIDS,” and Allen B. Weisse, MD, “On Getting Certified Before You’ve Done and Died: a Personal and Historical Perspective.” AAHM’s meeting in 1998 will be held May 7-10 in Toronto, Canada. In 1999, AAHM comes
to New Jersey for the first time; that meeting will take place May 9-12 in New Brunswick.

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George J. Hill, MD, who retired last June from the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, was acting president of Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT, from July 1-September 2, 1996. On September 3, Dr. Hill became a full-time graduate student in the History Department at Rutgers University, where he expects to earn an MA in 1997.

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Michael Nevins, MD, has written Case Reports: Short Stories About Jewish Doctors, which he is self-publishing. The book is a sequel to his previous work, The Jewish Doctor: a Narrative History, and is expected to be available this summer. Dr. Nevins is also in the process of establishing a Web site on the Internet devoted to Jewish medical history. Inquiries should be directed to him at MNevins806@aol.com.

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Allen B. Weisse, MD, will retire from full-time status on July 1 after 34 years at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Weisse’s new book, The Staff and the Serpent will be published this fall by Southern Illinois University Press.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save this date -- October 22-- for the fall meeting of the MHSNJ.

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New Meeting Fee Initiated

At its January meeting, the Executive Committee voted to increase the price of dinners for students and residents attending society meetings from $5 to $20. The society had been using funds made available by the Morris H. Saffron Endowment for the History of Medicine to help subsidize student and resident attendance. Funding available for this purpose from the endowment will be more limited in the future. The Executive Committee felt the increase was an equitable compromise.

A two-tiered fee for members ($40) and guests ($50) attending dinner meetings was approved at the same Executive Committee meeting. The increase in the fee for guests will also help offset the cost to students and residents, and help continue their participation in the society.

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Resources in Medical History Research in New Jersey:
Project Update

The MHSNJ project to survey local and county historical societies’ resources in medical history is moving forward. Project Director, Frank F. Katz, reports that 47 of the approximately 275 organizations contacted have responded. Nearly all of the organizations are members of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. Other responses from historical societies with usable data may yet be received. Thirty-seven respondents indicated they have material which may be of interest to medical historians.

The process of developing a format for the proposed catalog and recording data in a practical manner has begun. By March, an “Index of Names” contained 148 entries; an “Index of Organizations,” 85 entries; and an “Index of Subjects,” 170 entries.

The goal of the project is to compile the results in published form in time for the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine when it meets in New Brunswick in 1999. The survey project is generously funded through a grant from the Morris H. Saffron Endowment for the History of Medicine.

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The MHSNJ welcomes the following new members (as of January 1, 1997):

- Shahid Aziz, MD
- Simona Dumitrescu
- Raphael C. Giobbe, MD
- Joel S. Gross, MD
- Marian F. Lake
- David G. Landsnes, MD
- Anne C. Mosenthal, MD
- Haleh Pazwash
- James H. Perryman, PhD
- Robert S. Pinals, MD
- Karen Reeds, PhD
- Samuel Schlyen, MD
- William Sukovich, MD
- Sara Thompson, RN
- Richard D. Wasson, MD
- Christine Zemla

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American Physicians Fellowship Sponsors Tour

The American Physicians Fellowship (APF) is sponsoring a tour and seminar in Israel on “Jewish Roots of Medicine and the Ethics of Care.” Tour dates are November 2-11. The tour focuses on Jewish medical history and medical ethics, explores the Biblical roots of medicine at historical sites, and will draw attention to critical issues facing Israeli medicine today. MHSNJ members, Michael A. Nevins, MD, is seminar faculty co-chair, and Aaron Feingold, MD, serves as one of the faculty members.
The APF for Medicine in Israel is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. For more information, contact American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel, 2001 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02146, (617) 232-5382, e-mail: tour@apfmed.org.

Call for Information

Dr. Cornelius Stover of the Hunterdon Medical Center is seeking information about the effects of prolonged marches and forced marches especially during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Any member who can assist Dr. Stover in his research may contact him at (908) 782-0600.

Anatomy Exhibit at UMDNJ-Smith Library


The books selected for the exhibit are outstanding examples of the synthesis of medicine, art and publishing, such as Vesalius’ (1514-64) De Humani Corporis Fabrica...(1724 ed.) published during the Renaissance with illustrations from the great artist Titian’s atelier. The high point of Baroque anatomical illustration is represented in Bidloo’s (1649-1713) Anatomia Humania Corporis...(1685). Also included are works by Fabricius (1537-1619), Estachius (1520-74), and John Hunter (1728-93).

The anatomy exhibit remains on display until the end of the year. For information, call the University Libraries’ Department of Special Collections at (201) 982-6293 or 982-7830.

Documenting New Jersey’s Medical History: A Search for Original Materials

A search is underway by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Libraries to locate original documents related to the history of medicine in the state in response to increasing interest by historians, scholars and students. The documents will be added to the New Jersey Medical History Collection, the only such collection in the state, which is being developed and preserved at the UMDNJ - George F. Smith Library on the Newark Campus.
The New Jersey Medical History Collection was established ten years ago. Rare books and other printed sources are in the collection, many of which were donated in 1976 by the Academy of Medicine. Over the intervening years, the concept of the collection expanded to include manuscripts, photographs and artifacts; it now includes personal papers of physicians and records of medical organizations.

Barbara S. Irwin, Managing Librarian of Special Collections, asks the cooperation of MHSNJ members in helping locate documents for the New Jersey Collection, such as physicians’ and nurses’ daybooks or diaries, Civil War letters from medical personnel or patients, scrapbooks, and inactive records of medical-related organizations. Photographs are also needed of physicians’ offices, hospitals, public health scenes, poster sessions, and portraits. While nineteenth century or earlier documentation is extremely desirable, Ms. Irwin encourages the donation of twentieth century materials while they are readily available.

Additions to the collection will be preserved and made accessible to researchers. For further information or questions about potential donations, contact the Special Collections Department at (201) 982-6293 or 982-7830.

**Summit Medical Group Donates Physician’s 19th Century Daybook**

The daily activities of a New Jersey physician in the early part of the nineteenth century is well documented in a daybook donated by the Summit Medical Society, P.S. The daybook, which belonged to Seymour Halsey (1802-52), was uncovered recently in a basement storage area during preparations for moving the Summit Medical Group to a larger building.

Dr. Halsey, a graduate of the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, practiced medicine in Sparta, New Jersey, where he recorded the transactions of his daily life during the years 1824-27. Dr. Halsey performed minor treatments such as bleeding and extracting teeth on patients whom he named in his records. He dispensed medicines, such as cathartic oil, snake root, caster oil and quinine and recorded purchases, such as two bushels of corn cobs. Dr. Halsey later practiced in Newark after which he moved to Mississippi where he served as a surgeon in Colonel Jefferson Davis’ 1st Regiment of Mississippi Rifles.

The Halsey daybook is now part of the New Jersey Medical History Manuscript Collection, the only such collection in the state. For additional information, contact the University Libraries’ Special Collections Department at (201) 982-6293 or 982-7830.
Medicine in the Civil War

University Libraries' Department of Special Collections announces the availability of two book series recently purchased with funds from the Morris H. Saffron, MD, Endowment for Books in Historical Medicine. The series are The American Civil War Surgery Series (12 works in 11 volumes) and The American Civil War Medical Series (13 works in 12 volumes). These two series reprint the first editions of the manuals that Union and Confederate soldiers studied and took with them to the battlefields. For each work in these series, Ira M. Rutkow, MD, Dr.PH, has written a new biographical essay about the author. The books are available for use in the department at the George F. Smith Library in Newark.

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American Association for the History of Medicine:
Call for Papers

The 1998 meeting will be held May 7-10, 1998 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Any person interested in presenting a paper at this meeting is invited to submit an abstract (one original and seven copies) to the Chair of the Program Committee: John Harley Warner, Section of the History of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, L132 SHM, PO Box 208015, New Haven, CT 06510-8015.

Any subject in the history of medicine is suitable for presentation, but the paper must represent original work not already published or in press. Presentations are limited to twenty minutes. Because the Bulletin of the History of Medicine is the official journal of the AAHM, the Association encourages speakers to make their manuscripts available for consideration by the Bulletin upon request. Abstracts must be typed single-spaced on one sheet of paper, and must not exceed 350 words in length. Abstracts should include not merely a statement of a research question, but findings and conclusions sufficient to allow assessment by the committee. The following biographical information is also required: Name, title (occupation), academic degrees, preferred mailing address, work and home telephone numbers, and present institutional affiliation. Abstracts must be received by September 30, 1997. Please note that abstracts submitted by e-mail or fax will not be accepted.

As in the past, the 1998 program will include lunch-time roundtable workshops and may include poster sessions. Proposals for sessions of three papers may be submitted, but each abstract will be judged and accepted on its own merits. Those wishing to submit abstracts for these sessions should follow the instructions given above.

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