



Hello. On behalf of the entire staff of the Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library, welcome to Columbia University.

The Health Sciences Library, or HSL, serves as the home library for Columbia University Irving Medical Center, including the College of Dental Medicine, the Mailman School of Public Health, the School of Nursing, and the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Our Mission:

Advance Meaningful Engagement with Information

- Ensure exposure to diverse information sources.
- Build information competencies and skill sets.
- Expand capacity to resist misinformation.
- Introduce strategies to combat information-related biases.
- Foster a critical & ethical approach to information management.

The Health Sciences Library's mission is to advance meaningful engagement with information. We do this by ensuring maximum exposure to diverse information resources and by creating opportunities for the CUIMC community to stay informed and engaged while generating new knowledge and sharing it with peers, scholars, and the public.

Location and Access

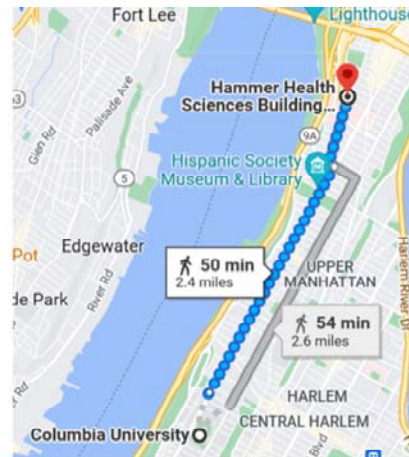


- Hammer Health Sciences Center, Lobby Level
- 701 West 168th St., at the corner of Fort Washington Ave.
- Access with your Columbia ID
9 AM to 5 PM, Monday – Friday

The Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library is located in the Hammer Health Sciences Center at 701 West 168th Street. We have a variety of spaces for group and individual work on the Lobby level and Lower Level 1 of the Hammer Building, including reservable group study rooms and individual study carrels. Our spaces are open 24 hours a day with your CUIMC ID.

Getting to HSL

- **1** Train to 168th and Broadway
- M4 Bus
- Intercampus Shuttle
- A long walk



HSL Collections

- Current books and journals in biomedical subjects, mostly electronic.
- Electronic backfiles of many key biomedical journals.
- Older print books and journals.
- Rare books and special collections.
- Personal papers and archival materials.
- *You can find it in CLIO, the library catalog.*

Some Examples

- Multiple edition of major medical textbooks:
 - *Principles of Internal Medicine* (Harrison's) from 1950.
 - *A Textbook of Medicine* (Cecil; Goldman-Cecil) from 1927.
 - *The pharmacological basis of therapeutics* (Goodman & Gilman) from 1941.
- Full runs of major medical journals
 - Journal of the American Medical Association
 - New England Journal of Medicine
 - British Medical Journal

More Examples

- Other Journals
 - State and regional medical association journals
 - Society journals
 - International journals, especially before 1980.
- Reports
 - Annual reports from various medical meetings.
 - Hospital annual reports, local and international.
 - Public health reports, US and international.
 - Medical faculty reports.

Texas State Journal of Medicine – 1907-1966 (incomplete)

Tri-state medical journal (Arklatex) – 1928-1943

Boletín de la Asociación Médica de Puerto Rico – 1932-1992 (incomplete)

Canton Hospital, Guangzhou, China, 1909-1933 (incomplete)

Medical Department annual report – Kenya – 1943-1958 (incomplete)

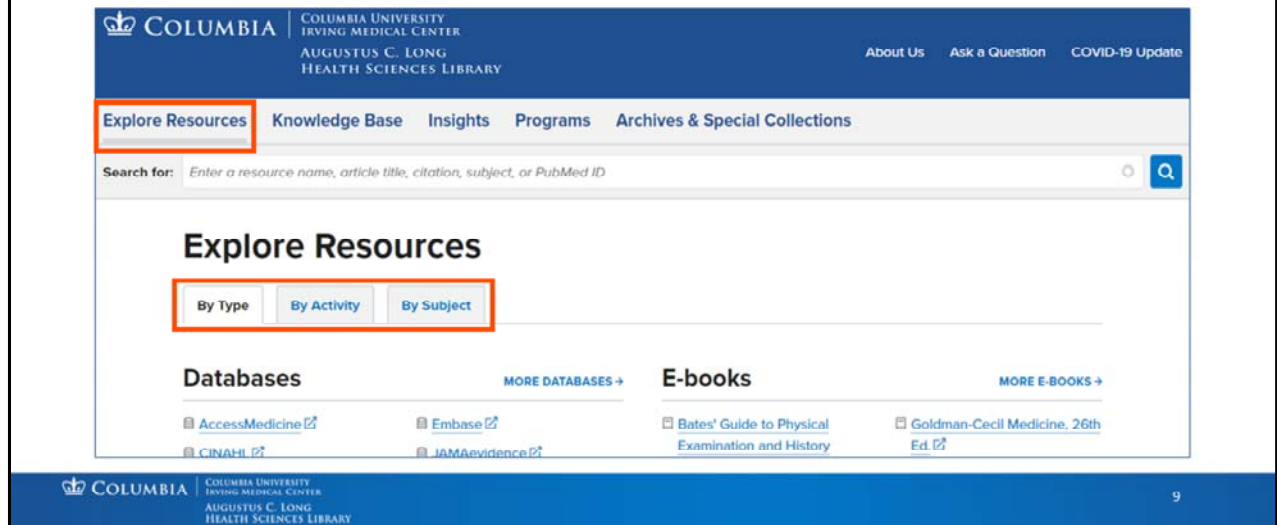
Annual report on the public health – Rhodesia and Nyasaland – 1954-1962

Accessing the Collections

- Most of the current collection is electronic.
 - Access from our website or from CLIO.
- Request print books shelved at HSL via Inter-Campus Delivery in CLIO.
 - Select “Inter-Campus Delivery” from the “Requests” menu.
- Older print resources, 1923-current, are Offsite at ReCAP.
 - Request a scan of an article or chapter using the “Scan” option.
 - Request delivery from ReCAP to any Columbia library.
- Archival and Special Collections items require special arrangements.

Browse Books, Journals, and More

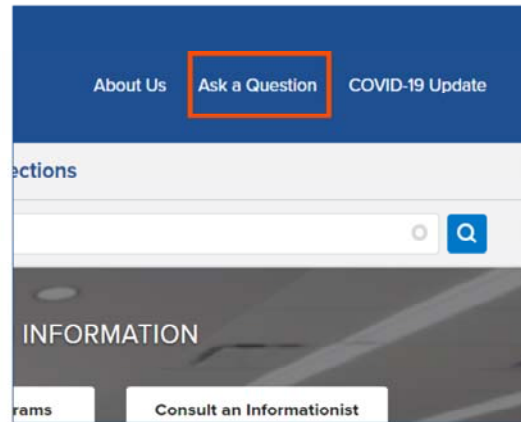
<https://library.cumc.columbia.edu>



On the website, use the 'Explore Resources' page to browse information resources by type, activity or subject, and to discover books, journals, and specialized databases. These resources are selected and arranged in categories by information experts in the library. If you are still not sure or need more, you can ask us a question at any point in your quest.

Strategic Advice

- How do I begin?
- Now what?
- Is this the best way?
- What does this mean?
- Am I lost?
- Why am I finding nothing?
- What's next?



If you don't know how to start or get stuck along the way, our informationists can provide strategic advice on how to reach your goal. We will work with you to find a path forward, furthering your success at Columbia. Use the "Ask a Question" link to begin.

Archives & Special Collections



Mission

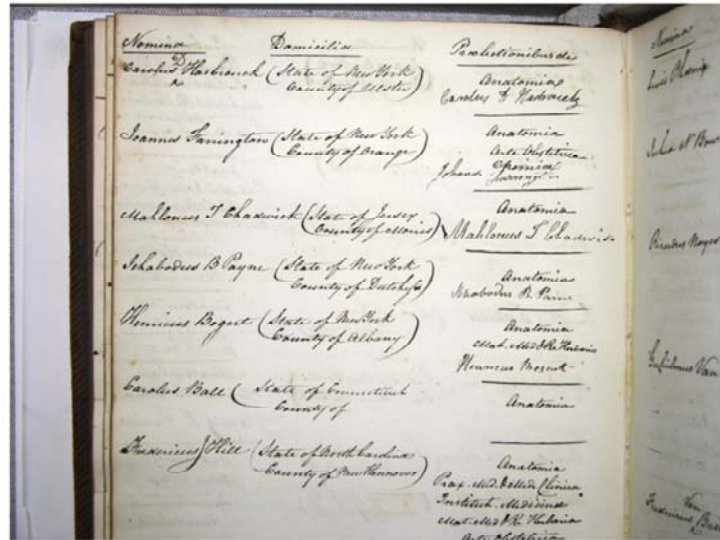
Archives & Special Collections

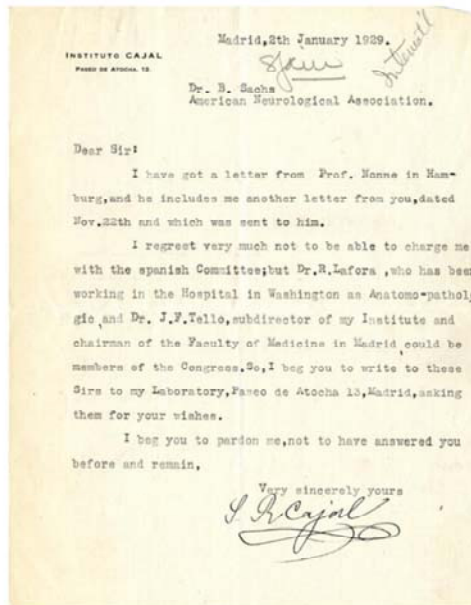
- *collects*
- *preserves*
- *organizes*
- *makes available*
- **Rare and unique materials** documenting the history of the health sciences in general and at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center in particular

Areas of Focus

- Repository for Records of Permanent Value Created by Columbia's Four Health Science Schools – Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing & Public Health
- Rare Book Collection in the History of the Health Sciences
- Personal Papers of Faculty Who Have Had Distinguished Careers in Their Fields / Records of Health Care Organizations in Metro NYC
- Freud Library, Auchincloss Nightingale Collection, Hyman Collection

About 4,000 cubic feet of records, including University records dating to the 1790s and...





Personal papers and...

*(letter from Ramon y Cajal to
Bernard Sachs, 1929 – Henry Riley
Papers)*

Rare books & journals

- About 27,000 volumes of rare books and journals dating from 1476.
 - All books published before 1923
 - All journals published before 1876

(*Bernard Siegfried Albinus. Tabulae sceleti et musculorum corporis humani, 1749*)



Vast Photo Collection

Includes about 10,000 digitized images, mid-19th century to present



Where can you find what we have?

- CLIO, the Columbia University Libraries' online public access catalog has records for most of our books and collections:
<https://clio.columbia.edu/catalog>
- Archives & Special Collections website: Has finding aids for archival materials: <https://www.library-archives.cumc.columbia.edu/>

Using Archives & Special Collection Material

- All items must be used in the Special Collections reading room.
- Appointments are required.
- Appointment hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM.
- A&SC staff may need several business days to get requested materials from offsite, so please plan ahead.
- Allow plenty of time – archival research is time intensive.

Online Resources in History of the Health Sciences



National Library of Medicine – History of Medicine Division

- <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/index.html>
- Access thousands of digitized books – some in curated collections:
“Medicine in the Americas, 1610-1920”, “Cholera Online, 1817-1900”
etc.
- Digitized selections from 39 personal papers collections

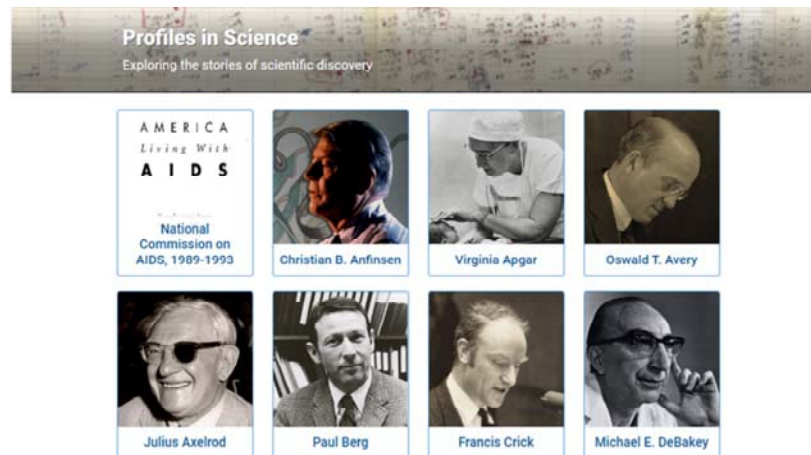
Images from the History of Medicine (NLM)



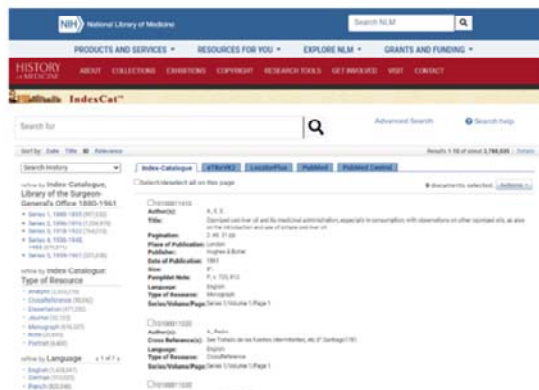
Nearly 70,000 images including “portraits, photographs, caricatures, posters, and graphic art illustrating the social and historical aspects of medicine dated from the 15th to 21st century.”

Profiles in Science (NLM)

<https://profiles.nlm.nih.gov>



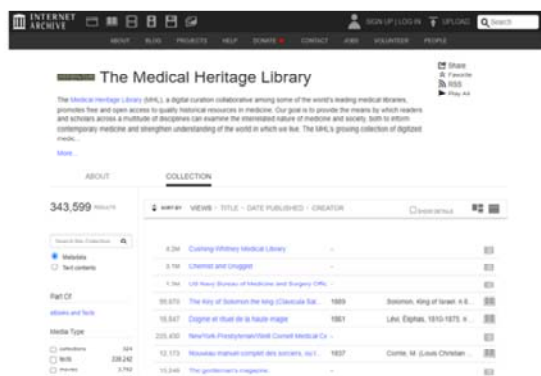
Index Catalogue of the Surgeon-General's Library (IndexCat)



- Over 2 million citations to articles, books, reports, and dissertations in the health sciences
- Starts in 1880 but citations pre-date that
- Ends in 1961
- Rarely links to the article!

Medical Heritage Library (MHL)

<https://archive.org/details/medicalheritagelibrary>



“Digital curation collaborative among some of the world’s leading medical libraries, promotes free and open access to quality historical resources in medicine.”



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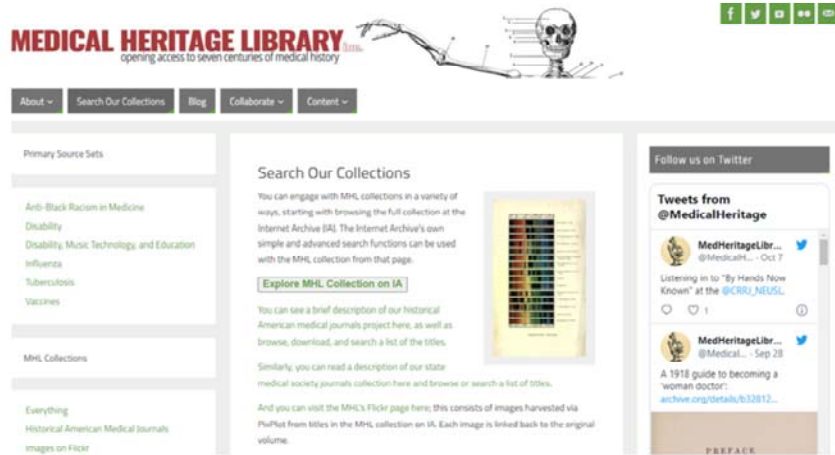
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What Does MHL Have?

- Almost 350,000 digital items housed in Internet Archive
- Largely books but includes important runs of medical journals, government reports, and manuscripts
- World-wide in scope with contributions from US, Canadian, French, and British libraries
- Mostly pre-dates 1923

The MHL Website has Curated Collections

<https://www.medicalheritage.org/search-2/>



Collection: Anti-Black Racism in Medicine

The screenshot displays the Medical Heritage Library website. At the top, the logo reads "MEDICAL HERITAGE LIBRARY" with the tagline "opening access to seven centuries of medical history" and an illustration of a human skeleton. Navigation links include "About", "Search Our Collections", "Blog", "Collaborate", and "Content".

The main content area is titled "Anti-Black Racism in Medicine" by Aja Lane, PhD, MHL Educational Resources Fellow, 2021. It lists topics: "Medicine During Slavery", "Creating Racial Differences", "The Eugenics Movement", and "Experimentation on Black Bodies". The text explains the goal of the resource set: to introduce viewers to the roots of anti-Black racism in medicine, highlighting health disparities and the historical association of diseases like tuberculosis and syphilis with specific racial types. It notes that poor health among Black people has been repeatedly presented as a fact of life, caused by assumed intellectual and biological inferiority, and reinforced by racist scientific research and medical practice.

A sidebar on the left lists "Primary Source Sets" including "Anti-Black Racism in Medicine", "Disability", "Disability, Music, Technology, and Education", "Influenza", "Tuberculosis", and "Vaccines". Below this are "MHL Collections" and "Everything", with "Historical American Medical Journals" listed under "Everything".

On the right, a "Follow us on Twitter" section shows tweets from @MedicalHeritage, including one about listening to "By Hands Now Known" and another about a 1918 guide to becoming a woman doctor.

The footer features the Columbia University Irving Medical Center logo and the text "AUGUSTUS C. LONG HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY". The page number "28" is in the bottom right corner.

Collection: Anti-Black Racism in Medicine

Further Resources

<https://www.aahs.org/syllabus-a-history-of-anti-black-racism-in-medicine/>

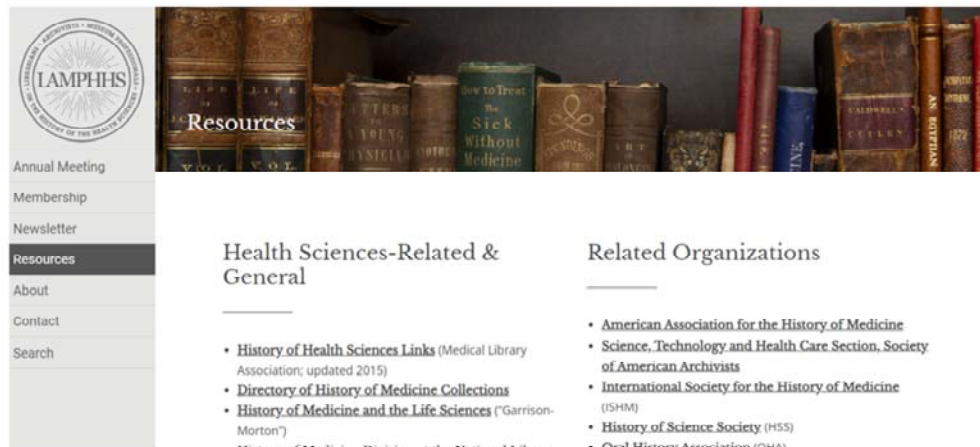
<https://www.pbs.org/video/regional-voices-what-race-and-what-it-not-dr-agustin-fuentes/>

Show 10 entries

Search:

Author	Publication Title	Publisher	Publication Year
Master of Los Baibases, flourished around 1495; Sedano, Alonso de	A Verger's Dream: Saints Cosmas and Damian Performing a Miraculous Cure by Transplantation of a Leg.		1495
Audrey, T.	The sea-surgeon, or The Guinea man's vade mecum. : in which is laid down, the method of curing such diseases as usually happen abroad, especially on the coast of Guinea, with the best way of treating Negroes, both in health and in sickness.	London : Printed for John Clarke at the Bible under the Royal-Exchange	1729
Hales, Stephen	An account of a useful discovery to distill double the usual quantity of	London : Richard Manby	1756

Librarians, Archivists & Museum Professionals in the History of the Health Sciences



The screenshot shows the LAMPHHS website. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: Annual Meeting, Membership, Newsletter, Resources (highlighted), About, Contact, and Search. To the right of the menu is a header image featuring a row of old books, with the word 'Resources' overlaid in white. Below the header image, the page is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Health Sciences-Related & General' and contains a list of links. The right column is titled 'Related Organizations' and contains a list of organization names.

Health Sciences-Related & General

- [History of Health Sciences Links](#) (Medical Library Association; updated 2015)
- [Directory of History of Medicine Collections](#)
- [History of Medicine and the Life Sciences](#) ("Garrison-Morton")
- [History of Medicine Division at the National Library of Medicine](#)

Related Organizations

- [American Association for the History of Medicine](#)
- [Science, Technology and Health Care Section, Society of American Archivists](#)
- [International Society for the History of Medicine \(ISHM\)](#)
- [History of Science Society \(HSS\)](#)
- [Oral History Association \(OHA\)](#)

About Finding Aids

- Finding aids are guides which describes an archival collection.
- Finding aids are created by the archivist who organized the collection.

Front Matter

ALEXANDER, HATTIE ELIZABETH, 1901-1968.
Hattie Alexander papers, 1939-1981.
2.2 cu. ft. (6 document boxes and 1 card file box)
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Hattie Alexander was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 5, 1901. She attended Goucher College in Baltimore (A.B., 1923), worked as a bacteriologist for the United States and Maryland Public Health Services for three years, and then attended Johns Hopkins Medical School (M.D., 1930). After interning at the Harriet Lane Home of the Johns Hopkins Hospital for a year, Alexander continued her internship at Babies Hospital at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1931. She remained there for the rest of her career, and rose through a succession of academic appointments at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons (Holt Fellowship in Diseases of Children, 1932-34; Assistant in Diseases of Children, 1933-35; Instructor in Diseases of Children, 1935-36; Associate in Pediatrics, 1936-43; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, 1943-48; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, 1948-58; Professor of Pediatrics, 1958-66; Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics, 1966-68) and clinical appointments at Babies Hospital and Vanderbilt Clinic (Assistant Attending Physician, 1933-39; Assistant Attending Pediatrician, 1939-42; Associate Attending Pediatrician, 1942-51; Attending Pediatrician, 1951-66; Consultant, 1966-68).

At Babies Hospital, Alexander headed the microbiological laboratory and became a leading authority on bacterial infections. In 1959, she gained international recognition by

The front matter of a finding aid provides a biographical or historical overview, a description of the collection contents, and information on access and access restrictions.

Box and Folder List

The box and folder list provides a detailed listing of the contents and location of items within an archival collection. Use this list to plan your visit.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box Folder Contents

SERIES I: PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

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| 1 | 1 | Bibliographies and curriculum vitae, ca. 1962-66 |
| | 2-4 | Correspondence and grant applications, 1938-67, n.d. |
| | 5 | Correspondence and tribute re: Alexander, 1968 |
| | 6 | Obituaries, 1968 |
| | 7 | Photographs, general, 1960s |
| | 8 | Photographs taken by Elizabeth Wilcox, 1963 |
| | 9 | Printed matter and clippings, 1941, 1944, 1960-65, n.d. |
| | 10 | Reprints, 1950-60 |

SERIES II: GRANTS


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| | 11 | American Cancer Society, 1963-64 |
| | 12 | Health Research Council, 1963-64 |
| | 13-16 | National Foundation, 1959-64 |

SERIES III: LECTURES

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| 2 | 1 | "Modern Trends in the Treatment of Bacterial Infections,"
Goucher College, Baltimore MD, February 18, 1947. |
| | 2 | "Origin and Nature of Streptomycin Resistant H ₁ influenzae and Their |

Schedule a Consultation with an Archivist

<https://library.cumc.columbia.edu/contact>

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