

Massachusetts General Hospital Chiefs' Council

Records, 1994-2000

AC 51

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Historical Note

Established in the 1990's, the MGH Chiefs' Council is made up of the chiefs of clinical services and other important figures in leadership positions at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Charged with discussing key matters relating to patient care, training and research, the Chiefs' Council addresses a wide range of issues, including but not limited to staff appointments, MGH initiatives and strategic plans, MGH policies and procedures, employee compensation and benefits, budgets and financial overviews, and memos from the Partners Health Care umbrella organization. The council also passes along recommendations to senior leadership.

Scope and Content Note

Documenting a wide range of Massachusetts General Hospital activities from the early 1990's through 2000, the Chiefs' Council records in this collection touch on issues including (but not limited to) staff appointments, MGH initiatives and strategic plans, MGH policies and procedures, employee compensation and benefits, budgets and financial overviews, and memos from the Partners Health Care umbrella organization.

Originally housed in 3-ring binders labeled with a span of dates, these records include meeting minutes, meeting agendas, and materials illustrative of the matters being discussed in the meetings.

The collection is arranged in such a way that the original order (chronological order by date span, and within individual date spans, reverse chronological order) is retained.

Processing Note

The Chiefs' Council records were transferred from the office of W. Gerald Austen, M.D., to the Massachusetts General Hospital Archives and Special Collections in 2009. Well organized in binders labeled with a span of dates, the materials contained in this collection haven't been substantially rearranged.

In an effort to respect the original arrangement of the files in 3-ring binders, each binder was divided into a grouping of 4-7 folders, each marked with the date span and the folder number (1 of 5, 2 of 5, etc.). Divider tabs from the original binders were left in for

ease of use. In keeping with the original order found in the binders, the order of the files within each folder grouping is reverse chronological.

The files were re-housed in acid-neutral folders within acid-neutral Hollinger boxes. All paper clips were removed. Binders were discarded.

Because of the significant amount of restricted personnel material, restricted files were not separated out but instead were left in their original order. All folders containing restricted personnel material were flagged.

Related Collections

Researchers interested in further information about Chiefs' Council members or individual doctors/staff people may find pertinent information in the Massachusetts General Hospital Archives and Special Collections Biographical Files. Researchers interested in the promotions to Harvard Medical School professorship discussed in the Chiefs' Council meetings will find a great deal more information on this topic in AC49, Promotions to Professorship at Harvard Medical School.

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