College of Medicine, Peoria -- Administration -- Nicholas Cotsonas Medical Education Conference Papers, 1956-1966

An inventory of the collection at the University of Illinois at Chicago

Collection Summary

Creator: Nicholas Cotsonas
Title: College of Medicine, Peoria – Administration – Nicholas Cotsonas Medical Education Conference Papers, 1956-1966
Dates: 1956-1966
Abstract: Papers relating to Nicholas J. Cotsonas, Jr.’s early years at the university. Materials include agendas, subcommittee meeting minutes, and conference proceedings and materials relating to medical education. Cotsonas served on these committees and presented at some of these conferences.
Quantity: .5 linear feet
Accession: 79-6
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Biographical Sketch

Nicholas J. Cotsonas, Jr. established what is now the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria in 1970. Born and raised in Boston, Dr. Cotsonas graduated from Boston Latin School and received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College. He went on to Georgetown University Medical School, graduating in 1943. World War II interrupted his residency in Washington, D.C. Dr. Cotsonas served in the South Pacific, certifying pilots as a captain in the Army Air Forces.

After his discharge, he returned to District of Columbia General Hospital. He became board-certified in internal medicine with a sub-specialty in cardiology. He entered academic medicine in 1949, when he joined the staff at Georgetown University as an assistant professor. He stayed there until he joined the University of Illinois.

Dr. Cotsonas became a full professor at the university in 1962. After he completed his tenure in Peoria, he returned to the Chicago area, moved to Hinsdale and was appointed associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois Medical Center. In 1978 he received the Faculty of the Year award.

He retired in 1989. Additionally, Dr. Cotsonas served as president and board member of the Illinois Heart Association, board member of the Illinois Central Health System Agency, Planned Parenthood...
of Greater Peoria and a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. He was also an editor for the periodical Disease-a-Month.

Scope and Contents

Materials include agendas, subcommittee meeting minutes, and conference proceedings and materials relating to medical education. Includes four proceedings from the Annual Conference on Premedical and Medical Education organized by the College of Medicine. Cotsonas served on these committees and presented at some of these conferences.

Detailed Description/Box and Folder Listing

Series I: Professional Materials

Box 1

1. A Study of the Junior Clerkship in Medicine, 1964
2. Symposium on Cardiovascular Teaching, 1961
3. College of Medicine Faculty Conference, 1960
6. Proceedings -- Seventh Annual Conference on Premedical and Medical Education, 1956
7. Proceedings -- Eighth Annual Conference on Premedical and Medical Education, 1957
9. Proceedings -- Tenth Annual Conference on Premedical and Medical Education, 1959