JUNGMANN-LEVITOR COLLECTION

Donors: National Levitor Center, Gertrude Jungmann
Volume: ca. 3 linear feet
Contents: Equipment, publications, personal documents, and other materials relating to Martin Jungmann, MD, gravitational strain pathology, and the development and use of the Levitor device.
Dates: ca. 1921-1989 (bulk 1960s-80s)
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Levitor-Related Equipment

Levitor® Orthotic Device: Hinged [steel] oval with 2 foam pads; ca. 47 cm x 23.5 cm. Invented by Martin Jungmann, MD, and used to treat chronic back pain. To be incorporated into Jungmann-Levitor Collection.

Scale for use with Levitor® Orthotic Device: Metal with clear plastic face, on circular base (20.3 cm dia.); overall height 30 cm.

Pelvis and partial lower lumbar with metal springs and levers (Levitor model) attached with metal brackets onto a wooden base; 38.0 cm x 17.7 cm x 35.4 cm; in plywood box (43.3 cm x 20.5 cm x 40.8 cm) with leather handle, metal corner supports, fragile stickers, and three metal latches. Box is nicked and scraped, handle is broken on one side, top of box is chipped on corners, nuts for the handle on the inside of the box are starting to corrode.

Publications


Jungmann, M. *Backaches, Postural Decline, Aging, and Gravity-Strain* (rev. 2001.82.04)

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ed., 1988). Blue paperback; 15.4 x 22.5 cm; 41 pp. New (3 copies).


“A Therapy that Counteracts the Basic Cause of Most Backaches,” Institute for Gravitational Strain Pathology brochure, [1980s]. Gray paper w/ green print; tri-fold; 9.5 x 21.6 cm. New (3 copies).

Institute for Gravitational Strain Pathology promotional brochure, [1980s]. Buff paper w/ brown print; tri-fold; 9.5 x 21.6 cm. New (3 copies).


Clippings: 6 reproduced pages of clippings relating to Martin Jungmann.

Photographs


Photos: Institute for Gravitational Strain Pathology Clinical Procedures for Gravitational Strain Pathology, 1962-63. Spiral-bound book w/ mounted B&W photos and diagrams showing people, equipment, and techniques; 22.6 x 28.5 cm; 17 pp. Plastic covers scratched; paper underlayers discolored; page edges yellowed.
Photo: Portrait of William Rosenwald (philanthropist who funded Levitor grants at KCOM), 1983 Aug. B&W; 20.4 cm x 24.8 cm; Inscribed in blue ink on front, black ink and pencil on back.

Photo: Portrait of William Rosenwald (philanthropist who funded Levitor grants at KCOM), 1985 Jun. B&W; 20.4 cm x 24.8 cm; Inscribed in purple ink on front, black ink and pencil on back.
Documents (Martin Jungmann, MD)

Certificate: Written in [Latin]; 1921. Ivory paper with black printing, a stamp in upper left corner, and an embossed seal with loose edges in lower center; 61.3 cm x 44.8 cm. Acid burns around edges with tears along top edge, creases, and fingerprints on backside.

Certificate: New York State license to practice medicine and surgery, 1940 Sep 19; Ivory paper with black printing on front and back with an embossed seal on lower front side, 40.9 cm x 25.5 cm. Acid burn around edges, slightly wrinkled, edges nicked, remains of glue around edges on back.

Certificate: Medical Society of the County of New York membership certificate, 1941 May 26. Heavy ivory poster board with black printing and an orange seal attached to a cardboard backing; 35.6 cm x 43.2 cm. Dirty around edges with acid burn along right side.

Certificate: New York Academy of Sciences, Active Member, 1951 Sep 14. Thick ivory paper with black print; 21.3 cm x 27.6 cm. Slight acid burn around edges, seal imprinted on front.

Certificate: New York state physician registration, 1959-1960. Ivory paper with black border and green/teal background, 21.7 cm x 15.2 cm. Slight acid burns around edges, bottom left corner torn, one crease.

Certificate: New York state physician registration, 1961-1962. Ivory paper with black border and pink background; 21.7 cm x 15.2 cm. Slight acid burns around edges, one crease.

Certificate: American Geriatrics Society, 1962 Apr 24; 26.4 cm x 21 cm. Ivory paper with black ink, acid burns around edges, gold seal, signatures in blue ink.

Certificate: State of Maine physician registration, 1969 Jul 8; 30.5 cm x 22.9 cm. Ivory paper with gold seal and black printing attached to poster board 35.7 cm x 28.0 cm with acid burn around edges and on back.

Certificate: The Royal Society of Health. member certificate, 1969 Nov 4; 23.0 cm x 30.6 cm. Ivory paper with red seal and colored crest, red and black printing with three signatures, acid burns around edges.

Certificate(A): Medical Society of the State of New York citation for fifty years of medical practice, 1971 Feb 16. [Vellum]; 27.8 cm x 21.7 cm. Blue, black and gold printing on front, tape residue on four corners on the back. Also letter (B) from Walter Scott Walls, MD, President of the Medical Society of the State of New York, 1971 Feb 16, re citation. Single sheet of ivory paper; 21.6 cm x 28.0 cm.


Certificate: New York state physician registration, 1973-1974; Ivory paper with black border and green background; 17.8 cm x 12.7 cm. Acid burns, black printing on back.
Memorabilia/Personal Effects

Desk ornament: Levitor- Man vs. Gravity, 50th Anniversary Martin Jungmann, MD, 1989. Gold colored metal with a triangle base holding a medallion, 4.4 cm (base of triangle to vertex) x 5.0 cm (length of triangles base) x 5.2 cm (height).

Sculpture of Atlas consisting of hardware on a metal base with felt bottom; 11.3 cm (width of base) x 22.0 cm (height).

Nameplate: Jungmann, Martin, MD; Two-toned metal plate with borders and letters raised, two holes for nails, scratched and dirty on the back.

[Bronzed] mold of Dr. Martin Jungmann’s right hand. 19.0 cm(L) x 10.0 cm(Width across knuckles) x 6.5 cm (Height from thumb to knuckles).

Library Catalog

Copies of the catalog cards for Dr. Jungmann’s personal library. The original cards and the books themselves remained in the custody of Dr. Michael Kuchera.