
Finding aid to the San Francisco General Hospital AIDS Ward 5B/5A Archives, 1983-2003

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Abstract: Scrapbooks, communication books, head nurses' files, correspondence, videotapes, publications, and memorabilia collected by the nursing staff of AIDS Ward 5B/5A at San Francisco General Hospital, the first dedicated AIDS hospital ward in the U.S. The collection documents daily life on the ward among patients, their families and friends, nurses, and volunteers. Of note are the photos of public events and celebrations, minutes of nursing staff meetings, and copies of the "Best Hospitals" issues of *US News and World Report*, 1991-1997. The collection also reflects the changing role of nursing, as 5B/5A nurses were critical to the development of the multidisciplinary model of AIDS care that came to be known as the "San Francisco model."

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Access

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Provenance

Gift from the AIDS Ward at San Francisco General Hospital, c/o Gillian Otway, Head Nurse, May 31, 2002, Accession number 2002-44.

Related Materials

Researchers are encouraged to view the following related books: Ronald Bayer and Gerald M. Oppenheimer. *AIDS Doctors: Voices from the Epidemic* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000); Carol Pogash. *As Real as it Gets* (New York: Carol Publishing Group, 1992); and Randy Shilts, *And The Band Played On* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1987).

Separated Materials note

Some artwork, photos, memorabilia, a book listing patients who died, and an autograph book remain on the ward until transfer to San Francisco Public Library.

Organizational History

San Francisco General Hospital's Ward 5B, the first dedicated AIDS hospital ward in the United States, opened with twelve beds on July 25, 1983 and included both AIDS and hospice patients. Cliff Morrison, a former Clinical Nurse Specialist in psychiatry, was the first nurse manager. Capacity quickly proved to be inadequate, so on Jan. 17, 1986, the ward was moved to the 20-bed Ward 5A. In the mid-1990s, with the availability of new drugs called protease inhibitors, the number of AIDS patients decreased sufficiently that the ward began admitting non-AIDS-related oncology patients. With its interdisciplinary approach, Ward 5B/5A set a new standard in AIDS-related medical care.

5B The First AIDS Ward

Ward 5B at San Francisco General Hospital opened on July 25, 1983, as the new staff moved equipment into an area that had previously been used as residents' sleeping quarters. The next day, the first few patients were transferred from other units. They included both AIDS and hospice patients.

Prior to the opening of 5B, most AIDS patients were treated on wards 5C and 5D, which were general medical units. Throughout 1982, as the numbers of patients began to rise and the level of fear about the contagiousness of this new

disease began to rise-- both in the general public and in hospital staff-- a decision was made by the Nursing Department, the Department of Medicine, and hospital administration to open a separate, special-care unit for the treatment of AIDS and hospice patients.

Notices were posted throughout the hospital in early 1983 soliciting interested staff. Interviews were held in the spring. Eleven nurses and two unit clerks were selected by Cliff Morrison, a former Clinical Nurse Specialist in psychiatry, who was the first nurse manager.

From the beginning, psychological support of patients, friends, and families was included in the treatment plan with the help of three counselors on staff through a grant to the Shanti organization. A hospital psychiatrist facilitated regular staff support groups.

Social workers, dieticians, physical and occupational therapists, and chaplains were included in the interdisciplinary team that provided care.

5A

With the number of AIDS cases in San Francisco rising dramatically, 5B (with only 12 beds) was deemed inadequate and, on January 17, 1986, the hospital moved its AIDS ward to the 20-bed 5A. At the height of the epidemic (late 1980s - early 1990s), there were often as many patients with AIDS off of 5A as there were patients on the ward, all waiting for available beds. Throughout this period, 5A remained the preeminent center of excellence in AIDS care in the country, recognized in the U.S. News and World Report "Best Hospitals" issues 1991-1997. Visitors, students, and the media were welcomed as others tried to implement the "San Francisco model" in their areas.

5B/5A was self-labeled a "ward without walls," inviting community groups to help furnish a more comfortable space. A large group of loving volunteers provided weekly assistance for the staff and patients. Actors and politicians came by to show their concern. Mother Theresa's signature is probably the most cherished in the ward's guestbook.

In the mid-1990s, with protease inhibitors reducing the numbers of AIDS inpatients, 5A had empty beds. Because the staff had already been treating AIDS-related cancers, a decision was made to open the ward to the treatment of other oncology patients. By 2002, the number of AIDS inpatients had dropped to the point where the average census of 5A was one-third AIDS patients, one-third oncology patients, and one-third general medical patients from the emergency room. On the day of the ward's twentieth anniversary, there were four patients with HIV on 5A.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents memorabilia collected by the nursing staff of AIDS wards 5B/5A at San Francisco General Hospital from 1983 to 2003. Current materials continue to be collected by staff and are periodically added to this collection.

This archive reflects the evolution of thought that the nurses put into the saving of their history. It starts with what quickly became a tattered old, red scrapbook and became the collection that is documented in these pages. Because the culture of 5B/5A was created by the nurses, this archive reflects what was primarily of interest to them. Therefore, the contributions of the Shanti counselors, social workers, chaplains, and others get brief mention. Their archives are yet to be collected. The contributions of the many volunteers over the years are documented well because their program was created and overseen by the nursing staff.

Strongly represented in the photo collection are the public events and celebrations that staff and volunteers were part of -- parades, union demonstrations, holiday parties, nursing awards dinners, etc. There are several photo groups by professionals who came to the ward and photographed staff and patients.

The written records are strongest in the day-to-day details of communication books and the monthly concerns of staff meetings. Extensive Head Nurse files were primarily saved by the first three nurse managers.

George Jalbert, Bill Walker, and Steve Keith organized the early 5B/5A archives. After Walker's departure, Steve Keith and Adrienne Kernan were primary contributors to the photo archive and Steve became Nurse/Archivist for the ward.

Arrangement

This material has been arranged into six series: Series 1: Scrapbooks; Series 2: Communication Books; Series 3: Head Nurse Files; Series 4: Correspondence; Series 5: Videotapes; and Series 6: Publications/Articles.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

AIDS (Disease)--Patients--Care--California--San Francisco

Hospitals--California--San Francisco

Public health nursing--California--San Francisco

Series 1 Scrapbooks, 1983-2003

Physical Description: 11.0 volumes

General Physical Description note: Vol. 1 is the original red volume with the necrology. Volumes 2-11 are in individual green archival boxes.

Scope and Contents

This series represents the heart of the first AIDS ward, while the communication books, staff meeting minutes, and head nurse files may represent the brains. In these photos, letters, articles, and drawings, we can get a visual sense of important moments in the life of 5B/5A. This series also shows a recognition by the staff that their contribution to medical/nursing history needed to be documented and preserved.

Volume 1 was begun by George Jalbert, a member of the original staff who solicited the red scrapbook as a donation from Mendel's Art Supply in the Haight. From the first week, he encouraged the staff to write the names of patients who died in the front of this book along with comments about them. One of the most moving parts of this collection is the necrology that fills the beginning pages of this book. After several years of use, this scrapbook was retired because it was starting to show significant wear. The necrology was transferred to separate books and that tradition continues to this day. A local bookbinder donated the recovering of the book in the early 1990s.

Volumes 2 - 11 represent a heightened awareness of archival preservation needs brought to the staff by Bill Walker, a nurse, archivist, historian, and librarian who joined the staff in the 80s. Housed in archival-quality, individually-boxed albums, they were assembled by Walker and Steve Keith, one of the original nurses, from a central photo/archive box that was kept on the ward.

Volume 11 remains on 5A and is periodically updated.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Volume 1	1983-1987
Volume 2	1983-1984
Volume 3	1985-1986
Volume 4	1987-1988
Volume 5	1988

Scope and Contents

Fifth anniversary event.

Volume 6	1989-1990
Volume 7	1991-1992
Volume 8	1993-1994

Related Materials

See also folder #23.

Volume 9	1995-1996
Volume 10	1997-1998
Volume 11	1999-2003

Series 2 **Communication Books, 1983-1999**

Physical Description: 16.0 volumes

Scope and Contents

This series, more than any other, reveals the day-to-day life of the ward. These books were used to pass messages to other staff or volunteers. They record thoughts, feelings, changes in policy, heartfelt moments, and angry tirades. They chronicle births, deaths, weddings, babies, as well as frustrations over administrative mandates and the bedside commode that never got emptied.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically into four subseries: Subseries 2.1: Nursing; Subseries 2.2: Volunteers; Subseries 2.3: Interdisciplinary; and Subseries 2.4: Nursing/AIDS Consult Team.

Subseries 2.1 **Nursing**

Box 2, Volume 1	July 7, 1983 - July 13, 1987
Box 2, Volume 2	July 13, 1987 - March 3, 1989
Box 2, Volume 3	March 3, 1989 - July 12, 1990
Box 2, Volume 4	July 4, 1990 - August 4, 1991
Box 2, Volume 5	August 5, 1991 - November 3, 1992
Box 2, Volume 6	November 11, 1992 - October 14, 1994
Box 2, Volume 7	October 17, 1994 - February 2, 1997
Box 2, Volume 8	January 31, 1997 - February 25, 1999
Box 2, Volume 9	March 1, 1999 - June 21, 2001

Subseries 2.2 **Volunteers**

Related Materials

See also Series 3, folders #116-118.

Box 3, Volume 1	May 20, 1985 - January 20, 1988
Box 3, Volume 2	January 21, 1988 - March 31, 1990
Box 3, Volume 3	March 2, 1990 - December 17, 1992
Box 3, Volume 4	December 31, 1992 - April 10, 1993
Box 3, Volume 5	April 23, 1993 - December 6, 1996

General Physical Description note: Binder.

Box 3	Subseries 2.3 Interdisciplinary - All staff, volunteers, January 31, 1991 - November 9, 1998
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Box 3	Subseries 2.4 Nursing/AIDS Consult Team, September 21, 1989 - December 19, 1990
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Series 3 Head Nurse Files, 1983-1999

Physical Description: 118.0 folders

Scope and Contents

Most of these folders were saved and labeled by the first three nurse managers: Cliff Morrison, Alison Moed, and Diane Jones. Several of the folders were grouped and labeled by Steve Keith, the nurse/archivist who organized this collection, from loose material in the archive box on the ward.

Of note are folders #70-77. The minutes of nursing staff meetings give a topical overview of the items of most concern to the group in these monthly sessions.

Folders #115 - 118 document the strong volunteer program that was created on 5B/5A.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

- Box 4, Folder 1
- Box 4, Folder 2
- Box 4, Folder 3
- Box 4, Folder 4
- Box 4, Folder 5
- Box 4, Folder 6
- Box 4, Folder 7
- Box 4, Folder 8
- Box 4, Folder 9
- Box 4, Folder 10
- Box 4, Folder 11
- Box 4, Folder 12
- Box 4, Folder 13
- Box 4, Folder 14
- Box 4, Folder 15
- Box 4, Folder 16
- Box 4, Folder 17
- Box 4, Folder 18
- Box 4, Folder 19
- Box 4, Folder 20
- Box 4, Folder 21
- Box 5, Folder 22
- Box 5, Folder 23
- Box 5, Folder 24
- Box 5, Folder 25

5A Description

5A Grapevine (ward newsletter)

5A Move and Later Expansion 1985-1996

5A Unit-based Policies

5B AIDS In-services 1983-1984

5B AIDS Ward Proposals, 1983

5B First Year Information, 1983-1984

5B Interviews for New Nurses, 1983

Admission/Discharge/Transfer Criteria

AIDS 101 Training

AIDS/ARC Update Conferences 1985-1989

AIDS Archive Project for 5A

AIDS Archive- UCSF Project

AIDS Case Definitions/Revisions, AIDS Case Definitions/Revisions

AIDS Consult Service

AIDS Data Task Force, 1988-1989

AIDS General Information, 1983-1984

AIDS Foundation Photo Exhibit

AIDS and People of Color

AIDS Prevention Program for San Francisco, 1983

AIDS Statistics, 1983-1998

Anniversary Event (3rd), 1986

Anniversary Event (10th), 1993

APEX Program

Art/Writing of Patients

Related Materials

See also Box #15.

- Box 5, Folder 26
- Box 5, Folder 27
- Box 5, Folder 28
- Box 5, Folder 29
- Box 5, Folder 30
- Box 5, Folder 31
- Box 5, Folder 32

BALIF Award to 5A

Bathroom Bulletin Board

Bilingual Services

Brochures/Flyers

Budget

Census Statistics, Inpatient, 1988-1999

Chaplaincy

Related Materials

See also Box #15.

- Box 5, Folder 33
- Box 5, Folder 34
- Box 5, Folder 35
- Box 5, Folder 36
- Box 5, Folder 37

Clinical Trials

Community Events

Death/Memorial Service Notices

Desert AIDS Project Honors 5A, 1998

Dementia Resources Committee, 1988-1999

Box 5, Folder 38	Jane Doe Case, 1988-1989
Box 5, Folder 39	Forensic AIDS Policy
Box 5, Folder 40	Fortunio Estate Donation
Box 5, Folder 41	Giants in the Community Award
Box 5, Folder 42	Gladstone Institute, 1993
Box 5, Folder 43	Godfather Service Fund
Box 6, Folder 44	Heterosexual Transmission, Press Release, 1984
Box 6, Folder 45	History of 5A, UCSF Class, Dr Risse
Box 6, Folder 46	HIV and Civil Rights
Box 6, Folder 47	HIV Coordinating Council, HIV Coordinating Council, 1994-1995
Box 6, Folder 48	HIV, Disclosure of Status
Box 6, Folder 49	HIV Education by SFGH
Box 6, Folder 50	HIV and Healthcare Workers
Box 6, Folder 51	HIV and Immigration Issues, 1992
Box 6, Folder 52	HIV Managed Care Committee, 1995
Box 6, Folder 53	HIV and Women, class, 1991
Box 6, Folder 54	Humor
Box 6, Folder 55	Infection Control, early challenge to policy
Box 6, Folder 56	International AIDS Conference, 1990
Box 6, Folder 57	Interns Handout, 1988
Box 6, Folder 58	Labor-related
Box 6, Folder 59	Media Relations
Box 6, Folder 60	Nursing, 5A Philosophy
Box 6, Folder 61	Nursing, AIDS Scholarship Fund
Box 6, Folder 62	Nursing, Clinical Nurse Specialist for AIDS
Box 6, Folder 63	Nursing, Clinical Practice Committee, 1992-1995
Box 6, Folder 64	Nursing, Continuity of Care Committee, 1990
Box 7, Folder 65	Nursing Committees, other
Box 7, Folder 66	Nursing Goals and Objectives
Box 7, Folder 67	Nursing Orientation, 1985
Box 7, Folder 68	Nursing Orientation, 1989
Box 7, Folder 69	Nursing, RN Job Description
Box 7, Folder 70	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1990
Box 7, Folder 71	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1991
Box 7, Folder 72	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1992
Box 7, Folder 73	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1993
Box 7, Folder 74	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1994
Box 7, Folder 75	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1995
Box 7, Folder 76	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1996
Box 7, Folder 77	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes, 1997
Box 7, Folder 78	Nursing Staff Phone Rosters
Box 7, Folder 79	Nursing Staff Retreat, 1989
Box 7, Folder 80	Nursing Staff Retreat, 1991
Box 7, Folder 81	Nursing Staff Retreat, 1992
Box 8, Folder 82	Nursing Staff Retreat, 1995
Box 8, Folder 83	Nursing Staff Retreat, 1996
Box 8, Folder 84	Nursing Staff Retreat, 1998
Box 8, Folder 85	Nursing Staffing
Box 8, Folder 86	Papers by Students who Visited 5A
Box 8, Folder 87	Patient Handbook
Box 8, Folder 88	Patient Care Fund #1
Box 8, Folder 89	Patient Care Fund #2
Box 8, Folder 90	Patient Care Fund #3
Box 8, Folder 91	Patient Care Fund #4
Box 8, Folder 92	Patient Satisfaction Survey, 1985
Box 8, Folder 93	Pentamidine
Box 8, Folder 94	Quarterly Summaries, Quality Assurance, 1985
Box 8, Folder 95	Research, Linda Aiken Study, 1989-1992

Box 8, Folder 96	Research, Assisted Suicide Study, 1995
Box 8, Folder 97	Research, Healthworkers Study
Box 8, Folder 98	Research, Holzemer Study, 1990-1992
Box 8, Folder 99	Research, Holzemer/Henry Studies, 1991-1994
Box 8, Folder 100	Research, Medical Protocols
Box 8, Folder 101	Research, Gwen van Servellen Study, 1990
Box 8, Folder 102	Research, Holly Wilson, Quality of Life Study, 1993-1996
Box 8, Folder 103	Rita Rockett

Related Materials

See also folders #136,137.

Box 9, Folder 104	Screening Protocols, mid-80s
Box 9, Folder 105	SFGH Annual Reports, 1994-1996
Box 9, Folder 106	SFGH/UCSF AIDS Workshop, 1983
Box 9, Folder 107	Shanti
Box 9, Folder 109	Staff Items
Box 9, Folder 109	Staff Meeting Minutes, Interdisciplinary, 1990-1997
Box 9, Folder 110	Staff Support Group
Box 9, Folder 111	Surveillance Study
Box 9, Folder 112	Tours of 5A, 1985-1997
Box 9, Folder 113	Travel Fund
Box 9, Folder 114	T-Shirt Designs
Box 9, Folder 115	Volunteers, 1984-1997

Related Materials

See also Box #3 communication books.

Box 9, Folder 116	Volunteers, Individual Items
Box 9, Folder 117	Volunteers, Massage
Box 9, Folder 118	Volunteer Orientation Handbooks, 1987, 1988, 1992

Series 4 **Correspondence, 1983-1990s?**

Physical Description: 22.0 folders

Scope and Contents

The six folders from patients, families, and friends are an outpouring of gratitude for the care received by them and their loved ones. They document the many lives that were changed as a result of passing through 5B/5A.

The General Correspondence folders represent the ripple effect of 5B/5A as visitors, students, elected officials, and media from around the world came to see "the San Francisco model." The last four folders document the response to two major media pieces: Rita Rockett in a 1987 *People* magazine article and 5A nurses in a *60 Minutes* segment in 1990.

Arrangement

Arranged in two subseries: Subseries 4.1: Correspondence from Patients, Families, and Friends; and Subseries 4.2: General Correspondence.

Subseries 4.1 **Correspondence from Patients, Families, and Friends**

Box 10, Folder 119	Letters from Patients
Box 10, Folder 120	Cards from Patients #1
Box 10, Folder 121	Cards from Patients #2
Box 10, Folder 122	Letters from Families, Friends
Box 10, Folder 123	Cards from Families, Friends #1

Box 10,
Folder 124

Cards from Families, Friends #2

Subseries 4.2 **General Correspondence**

Box 11,
Folder 125

Early Letters to 5B, 1983-1984

Box 11,
Folder 126

"Crazy" Correspondence

Box 11,
Folder 127

Thank You Letters from 5A for Community Donations

Box 11,
Folder 128

Letters from other Healthcare Settings

Box 11,
Folder 129

Letters from Elected Officials

Box 11,
Folder 130

Letters from School Groups

Box 11,
Folder 131

Letters/Cards from Visitors/Students

Box 11,
Folder 132

Letters/Cards from SFGH Staff

Box 11,
Folder 133

Letters/Cards from 5A Staff

Box 11,
Folder 134

Letters from Staff to Administration, Health Commission, Newspapers

Box 11,
Folder 135

Letters from Volunteers

Box 11,
Folder 136

Letters from Others, 1987-1994

Box 11,
Folder 137

Cards to Rita Rockett from 3/87 *People* article

Box 11,
Folder 138

Letters to Rita Rockett

Box 11,
Folder 139

Preparations for 60 Minutes piece, 1989-1990

Box 11,
Folder 140

Public Response to 60 Minutes piece, 1990-1991

Series 5 **Videotapes, 1985-2003**

Physical Description: 10.0 videotapes

Scope and Contents

Two of these tapes are copies of various local and national news programs and a San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) educational piece. Most important among these are the 1985 KRON piece, which gives an overview of the ward and includes an interesting history of previous epidemics in San Francisco, and the 1990 *60 Minutes* piece. Six tapes document the 10th anniversary of the ward, which was celebrated in 1993 with a large event at City Hall. The most important of these includes the filmed stories or reminiscences of thirty-six staff members and volunteers. They poignantly tell how lives were changed as a result of passing through 5B/5A. The final two tapes are memories recorded at the 20th anniversary celebration on July 25, 2003 by Kirk Read.

Box 12,
VHS_tape 1

KRON, San Francisco, May 28, 1985

Physical Description: 28 minutes

Scope and Contents

Roz Abrams reporting general piece about 5B. "In the Midst of Life."

Box 12, VHS_tape 1	Dept. Of Medicine, SFGH, 1985 Physical Description: 17 minutes Scope and Contents "AIDS: An Incredible Epidemic."
Box 12, VHS_tape 1	CBS News/ 60 Minutes, 1990 Physical Description: 15 minutes Scope and Contents "Ward 5A"
Box 12, VHS_tape 1	Channel 2 News, San Francisco, 1995 Physical Description: 5 minutes Scope and Contents Bob McKenzie reporting general piece about 5A.
Box 12, VHS_tape 1	WB/Channel 20, San Francisco, 1999 Physical Description: 2 minutes Scope and Contents 5A and Sojourn chaplains marching in LGBT Pride Parade.
Box 12, VHS_tape 2	ABC, Good Morning America, unknown year Physical Description: 4 minutes Scope and Contents Piece about 5A former volunteer Jason Dilley and his Project Face to Face.
Box 12, VHS_tape 3	10th Anniversary event at San Francisco City Hall, 1993 Physical Description: 2 hours, 20 minutes Scope and Contents Filmed comments, stories from the following participants: Diane Jones, J.B. Mologhan, Connie Wofsy, Paul Volberding, Donald Abrams, Mary Rathbun, Coralie Perse, Richard Locke, Alison Moed, Adrienne Kernan, Jan Boddie, Paul Shearer, Armand Kreft, Rita Rockett, Alan Selby, Gary Carr, Mary McGee, Cheryl Stachan, Ed Wolf, Diana Hartman, Jay Egger, Gary Davis, James Kahn, Roberto Garcia, Steve Keith, Sandy Ramadanoff, Ron Henderson, Joellen Sheerin, Tim Otto, Sandra Orr, Maggie Hallahan, Micaela Salort, Mark Higgins, Lucky, and Rita Silverberg.
Box 12, VHS_tape 4	10th Anniversary Event, 1993 Physical Description: 30 minutes Scope and Contents Entertainment at beginning of event.
Box 12, VHS_tape 5	10th Anniversary Event, 1993 Physical Description: 60 minutes Scope and Contents Plenary program featuring J.B. Mologhan, Diane Jones, Connie Wofsy, Paul Volberding, Donald Abrams, Merv Silverman, Gayling Gee, Cliff Morrison, and the original staffs of 5B and Ward 86.
Box 12, VHS_tape 6	10th Anniversary Event, 1993 Physical Description: 60 minutes Scope and Contents Plenary (cont.) featuring Shanti staff, massage volunteers, Brooks Linton, Ann Hughes, J.B. Mologhan, Marcy Fraser, Merle Sande.

Box 12,
VHS_tape 7

10th Anniversary Event, 1993
Physical Description: 60 minutes
Scope and Contents
Crowd shots, dancing.

Box 12,
VHS_tape 8

10th Anniversary Event, 1993
Physical Description: 60 minutes
Scope and Contents
Performers.

Box 12,
VHS_tape 9
Box 12,
VHS_tape 10

20th Anniversary Event, July 25, 2003
20th Anniversary Event, July 25, 2003

Series 6 **Publications / Articles**

Physical Description: 15.0 folders

Arrangement

Arranged by subject.

Scope and Contents

These folders comprise newspaper and magazine articles about 5B/5A and the staff, patients, and volunteers. Of note is the file for the "Best Hospitals" issues of *US News and World Report* which listed San Francisco General Hospital as best in the AIDS category for 1991-1997.

There are three folders about book projects about 5B/5A.

Box 13,
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Folder 143
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Folder 145

Pre-5B Articles

Family Research Institute, Inflammatory Articles, 1985-1987

Newspaper/Magazine Articles about 5A

General Articles with References/Photos about 5A

Articles about 5A Volunteers

Related Materials

See also folders #116, 117.

Box 13,
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Folder 150
Box 14,
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Box 14,
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Box 14,
Folder 153

Articles/Papers by 5A Staff

5A Patient Peter Siegel

5A Patient "Daisy Chainsaw"

5A Patient Warren Johnston

5A Patients, others

AIDS Quilt Panel List

Carol Pogash's book *As Real as it Gets*, 1989

US News Best Hospitals Issues, 1991-1997

Box 14, **Rebecca Ransom Book Project, 1984-1986**

Folder 154

Box 14, **Cecilia Worth Book Project**

Folder 155

Oversize Items, mid-1980s-2003

Box 15

Articles,

***Boston Globe*, 1985**

***Life*, undated, mid-80's**

***Nurseweek*, April 27, 1992**

***Nurseweek*, May 4, 1992**

***Life*, May 1992**

***Nurseweek*, July 12, 1993**

***Desert Sun*, Palm Springs, February 14, 1998**

***San Francisco Chronicle*, June 27, 2000**

***San Francisco Chronicle Magazine*, August 12, 2001**

Box 15

Oversize photo of unidentified 5A patient

Box 15

Working copy of 10th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet

Box 15

Tarot Deck Designed by 5A Patient Michael Goepferd

Box 15

Rita Rockett Brunch Bunch cabinet sign

Box 15

Additions File - Articles, etc. collected post-7/25/03

Items Remaining on Ward 5A

Scope and Contents

The following items of archival significance remain on 5A. In the event that the ward is disbanded at some point in the future or if the historical preservation of these items is deemed in jeopardy, they should be delivered to the San Francisco History Center at the Main Library.

Awards/Honors, 1991-1995

Plaque from National Association of Health Care Recruiters, 1991

City and County of San Francisco Award of Merit, signed by Mayor Jordan, 1992

Certificate from Neighbors for Neighborhoods, signed by Mayor Jordan, 1992

Saints Alive plaque from Metropolitan Community Church, 1994

Certificate commemorating 5A workday at AIDS Memorial Grove, 1995

Bronze heart sculpture from Desert AIDS Project, Palm Springs, 1998

Standing glass award from Godfather Service Fund, 1995-1999

Photographs, 1983-2002

Group photos, 1983-2002

Physical Description: 14.0 images

Three poster-sized enlargements used at 10th anniversary celebration, 1993

5th Anniversary group photo, 1988

Group of 5A volunteers

Steve Keith, RN and patient

Photo of Jess McVey, volunteer, and patient

Photo of Noreen Dunleavy, RN and patient

Artwork By/About Former 5A Patients

Print of two men embracing by Richard Roesner

Painting of cowboy by Daniel Ross

Collage of tarot cards designed by Michael Goepferd

Medicine Stick sculpture By Kevin Cada

Two still-life prints by Edwin Meyer

Abstract ink drawing by Bruce Logan

Large plexiglass-framed portrait of former patient

Miscellaneous

Seventeen framed 5A/5B T-shirts

Memorial Plaque - 4-part wood, brass commemorating staff/volunteer deaths

The Thousand Cranes - plexiglass-framed origami donation with letter from creator and response from 5A volunteer
San Francisco Giants jersey - signed by 5A staff
Rita Rockett Lounge signs - two, carved wood
First anniversary tribute - framed comic art with signatures of employees of local restaurant
Necrology - book where names of 5B/5A patients who have died are written by staff
Autograph Book - visiting dignitaries are encouraged to sign