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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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

**Subseries 2.1 Nursing**

**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.

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**Related Materials**

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**General Physical Description note:** Binder.

### Subseries 2.3 Interdisciplinary - All staff, volunteers, January 31, 1991 - November 9, 1998

### 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.

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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.

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Subseries 4.2 General Correspondence

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Series 5 Videotapes, 1983-2003

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.

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KRON, San Francisco, 1983

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Scope and Contents
Crowd shots, dancing.

10th Anniversary Event, 1993
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Scope and Contents
Performers.

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.

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.

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

Box 14, Folder 154
Box 14, Folder 155

Rebecca Ransom Book Project, 1984-1986
Cecilia Worth Book Project

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 disband 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