Emilia Wyndham Poole patient records, 1897-1898

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Emilia Wyndham Poole patient records, 1897-1898

**Date (inclusive):** 1897-1898

**Collection number:** 37

**Creator:** Poole, Emilia Wyndham 1853-1905

**Extent:** 97 p. ; (23 cm.)

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**Abstract:** A manuscript notebook kept by Emilia Wyndham Poole, a professional nurse, to enter patient case notes from January 1897 through December 1898. The entries contain the patient's name, disease or operation, vital signs, wound condition, medications, general medical state and, often, observations on the patient's mental state.

**Physical location:** UCLA Biomedical Library History and Special Collections for the Sciences locked cage

**Language of Material:** Collection materials in English

**Access**

Collection is open for research.

**Publication Rights**

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**Acquisition Information**

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**Biography**

Emilia Wyndham Poole (1853-1905) was born and died in Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, Canada. She was one of five siblings [the five names are entered on the last page of this volume].

**Scope and Content**

Nurse Poole either wrote these notes to aid her reports to the attending physician, or some physicians, at least, read them directly -- the last entry in Dec. 1898 is addressed to Dr. Grant, asking him to leave orders for her in writing because she distrusts second-hand directives.

At the start of a new case, Poole names the the patient, the attending physician, and sometimes the disease or condition. Entries start with date, then note the patient's pulse and temperature, medicines administered, food and drink taken, sleep and mental condition, and her general remarks. Entries for the first three patients are in tabular form, with multiple columns neatly ruled in and named; after that she switched to a less time-demanding, less restrictive paragraph format. Many of her cases were postpartum care, but she also cared for post-operative cases, infections, a sick baby, etc. Poole was responsible for a wide range of functions: she administered medicine and special diets, gave "cleansing" and "nutritive" enemas, dressed wounds, removed stitches, bandaged, applied heating or cooling agents, etc.

Almost all of Poole's notes were made in pencil, and unfortunately a few pages are already very faint. The board-bound volume is worn, but in fairly good shape.

Most of this information is included in the bookseller's description, which is included with the volume.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Genres and Forms**

Medical Records