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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Harold E. Varmus Papers
Date (inclusive): 1975-1987,
Date (bulk): bulk 1983-1987
Collection Number: MSS 88-47
Creator: Varmus, Harold
Extent: Number of containers: 2 cartons, 1 box Linear feet: 3
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Abstract: This collection of papers was gathered by Dr. Varmus in preparation for taking a sabbatical leave from UCSF in 1988. In addition to his appointment calendars, the collection includes correspondence with scientific colleagues, journal reviews, requests for evaluations, and UCSF academic matters. Dr. Varmus chaired a Human Retrovirus Study Group and included here are his committee files (1981-1986).

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog: http://www.library.ucsf.edu/.

Access
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Alternate Forms Available

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

Varmus, Harold
AIDS (Disease)
Nobel prizes
Oncogenes
Virologists--California--San Francisco
Virology--Research--California--San Francisco
Oncogenic viruses

Acquisition Information
The Harold E. Varmus Papers were donated to UCSF by Dr. Varmus in 1988.

Processing Information
Processed by Nancy W. Zinn and Valerie Wheat. Completed in February 2006

Biographical Information
Born in Oceanside, New York, December(104,380),(500,759)

System of Arrangement
Arranged to the folder level.
Scope and Content of Collection

This collection of papers was gathered by Dr. Varmus in preparation for taking a sabbatical leave from UCSF in 1988. In addition to his appointment calendars, the collection includes correspondence with scientific colleagues, journal reviews, requests for evaluations, and research and travel arrangements. Varmus served as chairman of the Retrovirus Study Group within the Vertebrate Virus Subcommittee of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses. Records from the subcommittee to investigate proposed nomenclature of AIDS-associated viruses include correspondence, memos and questionnaires sent to the committee members, and HIV clinical opinions from leaders in the field. Some folders in this collection are restricted.

The Collection is divided into 3 Series: I. Appointment Calendars; II. Correspondence; and III. Human Retrovirus Study Group.

Series 1 APPOINTMENT CALENDARS 1975-1984

Physical Description: 6 Folders : Carton 1 1/1-1/6

Scope and Content Note

This series consists of 6 appointment calendars showing Varmus' schedule between 1975 and 1984.

Carton 1, Folder 1-16

Appointment calendars 1975-1984

Series 2 CORRESPONDENCE 1982-1987

Physical Description: 32 Folders : Carton 1 Folders 1/7-1/22 ; Carton 2 Folders 2/1-2/12 ; Box 3 Folders 3/1-3/4

Scope and Content Note

This series contains correspondence arranged chronologically. Of note in this series is correspondence with colleagues at UCSF, as well as colleagues at Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The National Cancer Institute, and National Institutes of Health. Two folders in this series are restricted due to privacy concerns.

Carton 1, Folder 7

Correspondence 1982-1983

Carton 1, Folder 8-14

Correspondence 1984

Carton 1, Folder 15-22

Correspondence 1985

Carton 2, Folder 1-6

Correspondence 1986

Carton 2, Folder 7-12

Correspondence 1987

Box 3, Folder 1-4

Restricted

Correspondence (RESTRICTED) 1983-1986

Journal referee correspondence (RESTRICTED) 1984-1987

Series 3 HUMAN RETROVIRUS STUDY GROUP 1981-1986

Physical Description: 7 Folders : Carton 2 Folders 2/13-2/17 ; Box 3 Folders 3/5 -3/6

Scope and Content Note

This series contains materials produced by Varmus and others as part of the Human Retrovirus Study Group. Varmus chaired the subcommittee that was charged with determining the nomenclature for the AIDS virus. There is one folder of subcommittee correspondence that is restricted.

Carton 2, Folder 13

Human retrovirus study group correspondence 1981-1984

Carton 2, Folder 14

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