

National Museum of Health and Medicine

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OHA 7 Curatorial Records: Army Medical Museum Classification Systems

Accession Number: N/A

Date of Records: 1885-1945

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Historical Note: This collection is part of the curatorial records section of the Otis Historical Archives. This section and specific collection (OHA 7) relate to the early history of the Army Medical Museum (AMM), now the National Museum of Health and Medicine (NMHM). The AMM was established in 1862, at the beginning of the Civil War, to document battlefield medicine, trauma, and pathology through the collection of records, specimens, and artifacts. The curatorial records document the mission, work, and day-to-day activities of the museum up through the end of World War II, when the museum became a component of the Army Institute of Pathology, later the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of five loose or bound volumes that enumerate the early classification system indexes used by the Army Medical Museum (AMM) for anatomical specimens. The volume of Lamb's classification system acts as a standardized thesaurus of wound pathology terms meant to be applied to the specimens in the AMM collection. All other volumes represent cross-referenced indexes of specimen numbers under their specific anatomical, physiological, or pathological descriptor(s).

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001

- 00001. Classification of Pathology—Lamb’s system for Army Medical Museum/Army Institute of Pathology, 1907-1945
- 00002. Classification of Specimens—Army Medical Museum System, 1885
- 00003. Classification by General and Regional Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology
- 00004. Classification for Army Medical Museum made in the Spring of 1923
- 00005. Anatomy and Pathology Classification—Healy’s System, 1907