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## Cranston General Hospital collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	New England Osteopathic Heritage Center
<b>Title:</b>	Cranston General Hospital collection
<b>ID:</b>	0001
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1933-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.5 Cubic Feet 1 records carton, 2 document cases, 2 oversize boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical/Historical note

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Cranston General Hospital was established in 1933 as the Osteopathic Hospital of Rhode Island. Twelve osteopaths pooled their resources to purchase a mansion on Broad St. in Cranston, Rhode Island. The original hospital had 6 physicians, 12 nurses and could house 18 patients. The hospital grew steadily through the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s adding new wings in 1954, 1961, 1963, 1967, and 1979. In 1947 the hospital became Osteopathic General Hospital, and in 1971 the Cranston General Hospital. The hospital closed September 20, 1993 due to bankruptcy.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The Cranston General Hospital collection consists of 15 series. The Joan Abar collection consists of records collected by Dr. Joan Abar and added to the Cranston General Hospital when donated to NEOHC and includes primarily newspaper clippings, photographs, and records relating to the hospital chapel. The largest series in the Cranston General Hospital collection are newspaper clippings, photographs, and administrative records. A large portion of the records in the collection relate to fundraising and expansion efforts throughout the existence of the hospital.

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## Arrangement note

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The original order of the collection has, to a large extent, been preserved. The records collected by Dr. Joan Abar have been kept separate and in their own series. Administrative records have been grouped together under their own series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Collection Inventory

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Joan Abar collection		
Title/Description	Instances	
Chapel Dedication, 1979 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 1
Clippings, 1973-1980, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	Box 1	Folder 2
	Box 1	Folder 3
	Box 1	Folder 4
Ephemera, 1977-1983	Box 1	Folder 5

Physical Description: 1 folder

"Introducing . . . Cranston General Hospital", circa 1971

Box 1

Folder 6

Physical Description: 1 folder

Photographs, 1977, undated

Box 1

Folder 7

Physical Description: 1 folder

Publications, 1978-1992

Box 1

Folder 8

Physical Description: 1 folder

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## Administration

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Reports, 1950-1983 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 9
Application for Expansion, 1973 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 10
Board of Trustees, 1971-1972 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Box 11
Certificates, Blank, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 12
Closing, 1993 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 13
Fundraising, 1962-circa 1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	Box 1	Folder 15
Mission and Role, 1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 16
Outpatient Laboratory Test Sheet, 1990 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 17
Patient Questionnaires, 1978-1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 18
Rate Increase, 1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 19
Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., 1952 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 20
Stationary, undated	Box 1	Folder 21

Physical Description: 1 folder

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## Audio Visual Material

### Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Bell Ringer Award Presentation, 1975 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 22
Campaign Volunteer Rally at Colonial Hilton, 1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 23
Construction, 1963-1978 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 24
Dedication of DeMuro Unit, 1972 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 25
Dedication of Morgan Wing, 1963 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 26
Dedication of New Wing, 16 September 1979 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 27
Dedication of SCU, 1970 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 28
Expansion, 1958-1967 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 29
Exteriors and Staff, 1938-1968 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 30
Fund Drive for Addition and Removal of Trailers, 1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 31
Groundbreaking, 20 April 1978 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 32
Harold Sawyer, Trustee, Testimonial, 1955 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 33
Interiors, circa 1950-circa 1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 34
Interiors and Exteriors, circa 1930-circa 1960	Box 2	Folder 35

<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder		
Joseph H. O'Neill, Administrator, 1970-1973, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 36
Ladies Auxiliary, 1968 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 37
Mayor Cianci's Cocktail Party, 1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 38
Mounted for Exhibit, 1950, 1959, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 3	Folder 39
One Hundred Years Plaque, 11 December 1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 40
Open House, 1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 41
Osteopathic Medicine Week, 1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 42
Osteopathic Needs Law Passage Days, 1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 43
Paul Reiman, Administrator, circa 1960 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 44
"Premie" Born at CGHO, 1963 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 45
Presentation of Flag Honoring Dr. W. E. Kirby, 1976 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 46
RIPSRO Signing Agreement, 1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 47
Sweepstakes, 1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 48
Unidentified, circa 1930-circa 1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	Box 2	Folder 49
Wedding at CGHO, 1979 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 50
Wine, Cheese Party for Volunteers, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 51

**Image**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Osteopathic Hospital of Rhode Island, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 2	Folder 52

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Reel to Reel: Presentation, 1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 reel	Box 4	Reel 53
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## Slides

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
50th Anniversary, 1983 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 4	Folder 54
Program, 1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 4	Folder 55
Sports Medicine, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 4	Folder 56
VHS: "Joint Rehabilitation Program/Cranston General and Rhode Island Hospital", 1986 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 cassette	Box 4	Cassette 57

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Chapel Memorial Volume, 1979-1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 volume	Box 1	Volume 58
Cranston General Hospital Recognition Week, City of Cranston Proclamation, 1983 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 59
Ephemera, 1966-1985, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 60
50th Annual Meeting, 1983 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 61
History, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 62
Hospital Family Dinner, 1959 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 63

## Newspaper Clippings, 1963-2000, undated



Physical Description: 4 foldersPhysical Description: 5 Volumes

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
undated, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 64
1963-1995, 1963-1965 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 65
1981-1982, 1981-1982 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 66
Dr. Donald Bortle, 2000 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 67
1976-1978, 1976-1978 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 volume	Box 5	Volume 68
1978-1980, 1978-1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 volume	Box 5	Volume 69
1980-1981, 1980-1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 volume	Box 6	Volume 70
1982, 1982 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 volume	Box 6	Volume 71
1966, 1983, 1963, 1983 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 volume	Box 6	Volume 72

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Osteopathic Hospital of Maine, 1984, undated

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 1

Folder 73

**Professional Promotional Material, 1957-1959, undated**Physical Description: 3 folders

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
American Osteopathic Association, 1957, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 74
Osteopathic Education, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 75
Poster: "Osteopathy in America", 1959	Box 1	Folder 76

Physical Description: 1 folder

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## Publications, 1959-1992, undated

Physical Description: 8 folders

Title/Description	Instances	
Expansion, 1974 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 77
In Touch, 1992 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 78
Osteo Patter, 1989	Box 1	Folder 79
Osteopathic General Hospital of Rhode Island News, 1963-1969 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 80
OMT, Our Monthly Tales, 1980-1981, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 81
Pulse Beats, 1970-1990 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 82
Staff Directory, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 83
Staff News Bulletin, 1959-1960 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 84

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## Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, 1956-1958, undated

Physical Description: 2 folders

Title/Description	Instances	
Ephemera, 1958, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 85
News Bulletin, 1956-1958 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder	Box 1	Folder 86

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University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine,      Box 1      Folder 87  
undated

Physical Description: 1 folder

## Artifacts, 1983, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Medallion, undated	Box 1	Object 88
Mug, undated	Box 1	Object 89
Paperweight "50 Years of Service", 1983	Box 1	Object 90
Patch, Volunteer, undated	Box 1	Object 91
Stool, undated	Object 92	
Visiting Hours Sign, undated	Box 1	Object 93

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