

## Directory of History of Medicine Collections

**Organization Name:** Archives of the Sisters of Divine Providence of San Antonio

**Organization Type:** Archive

**Address:** Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center 515 S. W. 24th Street

**City:** San Antonio

**State/Province:** Texas

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**Country:** United States

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**Web Site:** <http://www.cdptexas.org>

**Online Catalog:**

**Other:**

**Abstract:** This Archives of a Roman Catholic congregation of women religious houses records and artifacts from 1866 to the present, primarily focusing on ministries of secular and religious education, social services, and health care. The Congregation's main ministry is education. Some Sisters, however, have participated in health care, becoming hospital administrators, nurses (nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nursing instructor, school nurse), x-ray technician, medical technologist, therapists (physical, occupational, speech, licensed massage, psychotherapist), dietitians, hospital and hospice chaplains, home health caregivers, and medical social workers. At various times the Congregation has administered and staffed hospitals and retirement/nursing centers in Texas. It has sponsored, administered and staffed Providence Home for children with AIDS and clinics in Texas. Individual Sisters have also worked in other hospitals. The Archives is open to the public Monday and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. ; Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Friday from 9:30-11:00 a.m.; and by appointment. Reference and photocopying services are available.

**Holdings:** This small collection on health care (basically from the 1950s on) includes printed material in books, articles in magazines, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and institutional records; photographs; and cassette tapes of interviews with Sisters engaged in health care.

**Collection Subject Strengths:** History of Public Health; History of Women in Medicine

**Other Collection Subject Strengths:** Catholic Sisters in Health Care

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