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Guidelines for Pharmacy

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1. Purpose.

The pharmacy collection supports study, instruction and research in the School of Pharmacy. The professional degree program from the School is the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) which leads to a career as a pharmacist. Further academic options can be sought through the School's graduate program in pharmaceutical sciences. The graduate program leads to an M.S., a Ph.D., and postdoctoral study. Areas of concentration include Pharmacy, Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry. In addition, the School of Pharmacy provides unique continuing education opportunities. The collection also serves students and faculty in the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, and Allied Health Professions.

2. General Collection Guidelines.

A. Language.

English is the primary language of the collection. Foreign or multilingual monographic and serial titles are purchased selectively.

B. Chronology.

Emphasis is on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Titles in the history of pharmacy currently published are acquired for the general collection. The Special Collections & Archives Department is the repository for historically significant retrospective materials.



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C. Geography.

In the field of pharmacy practice and organization, primary emphasis is on the United States. Publications of pharmacy, drug and medical research are acquired regardless of national origin, with primary emphasis on those studies relevant to medical and health problems in the United States.

D. Publication Date.

Emphasis is on current imprints. Retrospective materials are considered for purchase upon faculty request.

E. Treatment of Subject.

Comprehensive pharmaceutical texts and treatises are collected extensively. The primary focus of the collection is on materials reporting current practices and research.

F. Types of Materials and Formats.

Materials include monographs, serials, handbooks, anatomical atlases, encyclopedias, directories, abstracts, indexes, bibliographies, dictionaries, and conference proceedings. Primary emphasis is in serials reporting pharmaceutical or medical research. Acquisition of serials takes precedence over that of monographs. E-journals are preferred over print when it is an acceptable equivalent. The preferred format for reference works is electronic. Examination guides, self-instructional texts, study guides, laboratory manuals, outlines, pocket-sized books, syllabi, and workbooks are not collected. Dissertations are added only by special request. Other instructional and research formats for the collection include microform research collections, online databases, data sets, and audiovisuals in the most current technology available. Pertinent local, state, and federal government documents are acquired, as well as publications from the primary professional associations.

3. Area Resources.

The collection functions as a primary source for health science professionals in the region. There are no other comparable collections in the area.

4. Subjects and Collecting Levels.

Materials and resources in pharmacy and all related subject areas are generally collected at the research level.