

A Guide to the

**Dr. Harry Edstrom *fonds***

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## Dr. Harry Edstrom *fonds*

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**Title:** Dr. Harry Edstrom *fonds*

**Date:** 1970s & 1980s

**Extent:** m of textual records

### **Biographical sketch:**

Dr. Harry Edstrom (1942-2009), Respiriologist, was born in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on March 4, 1942. He was the oldest of five children born to William and Mary Edstrom (Kearney). He grew up on Fleming Street in St. John's.

Edstrom completed his early education at St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's. He later went on to attend Memorial University for pre-med. Upon his graduation from Memorial University in 1961, he enrolled at the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He earned his MD in 1966 after his entire family moved to Halifax to see him graduate.

Dr. Edstrom relocated to St. John's to do an internship at the General Hospital in St. John's. He also worked as a General Practitioner in Stephenville, NL. Dr. Edstrom chose to specialize in internal medicine so he returned to Halifax to work at the Victoria General Hospital to continue his residency. He then moved to Winnipeg and spent two years there as a research fellow in respirology at the University of Manitoba. He acquired his MSc at the University of Manitoba in 1972. Dr. Edstrom relocated to St. John's after 1972 as the medical school was preparing to open at Memorial University. In 1983, he was fully employed as a professor at the newly opened Memorial medical school.

Dr. Edstrom held many roles throughout his lengthy medical career. He was the Clinical Chief of Medicine at Eastern Health in St. John's, a Past President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, a Past Governor of the American College of Physicians, a Past Executive of the Canadian Medical Association and the recipient of the 2002 Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Edstrom focused on internal medicine and as a chest physician, he was very involved in health and safety issues such as iron ore dust in Labrador West, asbestos in Baie Verte and crab lung in Hant's Harbour. He was integral in uncovering longterm workplace safety issues in hopes of developing new national health standards.

Aside from his medical career, Dr. Edstrom was heavily involved in Newfoundland and Labrador's classical music scene. He assisted the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra in 1984 through a rough time. He also succeeded in getting Mario Duschenes, the late NSO conductor emeritus to come to Newfoundland and Labrador, thus, allowing the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra to thrive.

Dr. Edstrom also enjoyed reading, fishing at Middle Gull Pond and was a lover of the visual arts.

Dr. Harry Edstrom married Grace Reeves on March 14, 1964 in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. They had two children, Karen and John who both became doctors. His daughter, Karen is a dermatologist in Hamilton, Ontario and his son John is a psychiatrist in Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Edstrom passed away on July 7, 2009 at the age of sixty-seven.

**Custodial history:**

The papers of Dr. Harry Edstrom were in the custody of Ingrid Pardoe prior to being donated to the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive in 2021.

**Scope and content:**

*Fonds* consist of papers relating to the medical career of Dr. Harry Edstrom.

**Source of title:**

Title is based on contents of the *fonds*.

**Acquisition:**

The papers of Dr. Harry Edstrom were brought to the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive in 2021 by Ingrid Pardoe.

**Arrangement:**

When the papers of Dr. Harry Edstrom arrived at the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive, there was no degree of order present. Appropriate order and organization was imposed. *Fonds* is arranged into the following series:

- 1.0 Labrador West Dust Study & related material
- 2.0 Baie Verte Dust Study & related material **\*Contains restricted material**
- 3.0 Labrador Lung: An unusual mixed dust pneumoconiosis by H. W. Edstrom
- 4.0 Index to Appendices
- 5.0 Report of the Task Force to Investigate Respiratory Complaints at the Jason Crab Factory in Bareneed, Newfoundland, July 25, 1978
- 6.0 Task Force on Occupational Respiratory Disease (Pneumoconiosis)

**Restrictions:**

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**Accruals:**

Further accruals are possible.

**Location:**

COLL-093, Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive

**Finding Aid:**

Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive finding aid #093. File level control

**Series and Sub-series Listing**

\* Published books were given to the Health Sciences Library to be added to the library collection.

**1. Labrador West Dust Study & related material**

**1.01 Labrador West Dust Study Level I Report**

1.01.001 Labrador West Dust Study Level I Report, Executive Summary Volume I

1.01.002 Labrador West Dust Study Level I Report, Executive Summary Volume II

**1.02 Labrador West Dust Study Level II Report**

1.02.001 Labrador West Dust Study Level II Report, Point I: Study Organization and Administration

**1.03 Correspondence & material relating to the Labrador West Dust Study**

1.03.001 Correspondence & material relating to the Labrador West Dust Study

**2. Baie Verte Dust Study & related material**

**2.01 Baie Verte Dust Study & related material**

2.01.001 Baie Verte Dust Study & related material

2.01.002 Master list data files of Baie Verte miners **\*RESTRICTED – Moved to Edstrom Restricted Box 1 of 1**

**3. Labrador Lung: An unusual mixed dust pneumoconiosis by H. W. Edstrom**

**3.01 Labrador Lung: An unusual mixed dust pneumoconiosis by H. W. Edstrom**

3.01.001 Labrador Lung: An unusual mixed dust pneumoconiosis by H. W. Edstrom

**4. Index to Appendices**

**4.01 Index to Appendices**

4.01.001 Index to Appendices

**5. Report of the Task Force to Investigate Respiratory Complaints at the Jason Crab Factory in Bareneed, Newfoundland, July 25, 1978**

**5.01 Report of the Task Force to Investigate Respiratory Complaints at the Jason Crab Factory in Bareneed, Newfoundland, July 25, 1978**

5.01.001 Report of the Task Force to Investigate Respiratory Complaints at the Jason Crab Factory in Bareneed, Newfoundland, July 25, 1978

**6. Task Force on Occupational Respiratory Disease (Pneumoconiosis)**

**6.01 Report of a Task Force established by the Canadian Thoracic Society (Medical Section of the Canadian Lung Association) and the Health Standards Division Department of National Health and Welfare**

6.01.001 Report of a Task Force established by the Canadian Thoracic Society (Medical Section of the Canadian Lung Association) and the Health Standards Division Department of National Health and Welfare

