

A Guide to the

Dr. Francis O'Dea *fonds*

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Title: Dr. Francis O'Dea *fonds*
Dates: 1945-1977
Extent: 6.5 m

Biographical sketch:

Francis Lawrence O'Dea (1916-1979), physician, was born in St. John's on 5 September 1916, the son of the Honorable John V. O'Dea and May Coady. He completed primary and secondary school at St. Bonaventure's College and Memorial University College. Then O'Dea enrolled at University College in Dublin in the Faculty of Medicine, where he obtained his qualifying degree, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. in 1944.

In 1944 O'Dea married Raymonde Judd, eldest daughter of Raymond and Mollie Judd (nee Shea, formerly of St. John's) of Dublin. They have five children, Shane, Susan, Oonagh, Annmari and Francis. He spent the autumn of 1944 as Resident Medical Officer at Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool, England and the following winter in general practice at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, England. In the spring of 1945 O'Dea returned to St. John's and established a general practice.

From October 1946 until May 1947 O'Dea undertook post-graduate work at the National Maternity Hospital in Dublin and received his licentiate in Midwifery. He then proceeded to Hereford, England where he was Obstetrical Officer at the County Hospital until July 1948.

On his return to St. John's in 1948 he set up the first specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology, pioneering for improved maternity health care in Newfoundland. That year he co-authored, with Dr. Hatcher of the University of Toronto, *Survey of Maternal and Child Health* for the Newfoundland Department of Health. He attempted to introduce the Grantly Dick-Read method of natural childbirth into the hospitals but was prevented by the conservatism of the time. From 1948 until 1967 he was Medical Officer in Charge of the Department of Health's Pre-Natal Clinic which, prior to the introduction of MCP, served those who had no access to private medical care. While serving on the staffs of Grace and General Hospitals, he was Chief of Obstetrics at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital.

Dr. O'Dea was active in the Newfoundland Medical Association serving as Chairman of the Committee on Economics from 1954 to 1959. At the same time he was a member of the Canadian Medical Association's Committee on Economics. In 1958 he was President of the Newfoundland Division of the Canadian Medical Association. He was also involved in the St. John's business community as a Director and President of Newfoundland Brewery Limited and as Director of Browning Harvey Limited, of which he was Vice President in 1965.

Dr. O'Dea died in 1979 after a lengthy illness.

Custodial history:

The family of the late Dr. Francis O'Dea donated his papers to the Medical School. Dr. K.B. Roberts transferred them to the Centre for Newfoundland Studies Archives, QEII, Memorial University of Newfoundland, where the *fonds* was processed in 1987, Coll-086. In 2005 the *fonds* was transferred to the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of the personal and professional records created by Francis O'Dea during his work in the medical profession and his involvement with a variety of individuals and organizations in Newfoundland. The *fonds* contains patient records, patient accounts and appointments, and receipt books from 1949-1977. There is also a small amount of correspondence relating to Medicare and the Newfoundland Medical Association. The *fonds* is arranged in the following series:

- 1.0 Medical Accounts, 1945-1977 (*Entire Series is Restricted*)
- 2.0 Patient Records, 1949-1975 (*Entire Series is Restricted*)
- 3.0 Administrative Files, 1950-1967 (*Contains Restricted Material*)

Source of title:

Supplied title is based on contents of the *fonds*.

Acquisition:

The papers of Dr. Francis O'Dea were transferred to the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive by Mr. Bert Riggs, Centre for Newfoundland Studies Archives, which had custody of the papers. Mr. Riggs transferred the papers to the Founders' Archive in July 2005.

Arrangement:

When the papers of Dr. Francis O'Dea arrived at the Founders' Archive, the material had been arranged and described by the CNS Archives. This formed the framework for further arrangement into acid free folders and boxes, and relabeled, and description of the collection.

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Accruals:

Further accruals are expected.

Location:

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Finding aid:

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Series and Sub-Series List:

1.0 Medical Accounts, 1945-1977

(Entire series is restricted)

- 1.01 Daily Income Book, 1962-1973 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 1.02 Disbursement Books, 1957-1972 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 1.03 Miscellaneous Accounts, 1945-1968 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 1.04 Cheque Stubs, 1957-1977 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 1.05 Patient Receipt Books, 1951-1972 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 1.06 Patient Account Cards M-Z, 1952-1966 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*

2.0 Patient Records, 1949-1975

(Entire series is restricted)

- 2.01 Desk Diaries, Appointment Books, 1956-1970 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 2.02 Log Books, Medicare, Credit Accounts, 1951-1975 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 2.03 Laboratory Reports, 1949-1951, 1960-1967 *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*
- 2.04 Patient Medical Record Cards, 1950- (2 series) *(Entire sub-series is restricted)*

3.0 Administrative Files, 1950-1967

(Contains restricted material)

- 3.01 Correspondence and Notes, 1950-1967 *(Contains restricted material)*

Series and Sub-series Description

1.0 Medical Accounts, 1945-1977 (Entire series is restricted)

1.01 Daily Income Books, 1962-1973 (Entire sub-series is restricted)

Box 1

1.01.001	January – July 1962	RESTRICTED
1.01.002	August 1962 – March 1963	RESTRICTED
1.01.003	March – October 1963	RESTRICTED
1.01.004	October 1963 – May 1964	RESTRICTED
1.01.005	May – December 1964	RESTRICTED
1.01.006	December 1964 – July 1965	RESTRICTED
1.01.007	July 1965 – June 1966	RESTRICTED
1.01.008	July 1966 – December 1972	RESTRICTED
1.01.009	January 1970 – December 1973	RESTRICTED

1.02 Disbursement Books, 1957-1972 (Entire sub-series is restricted)

1.02.001	January 1957 – February 1959	RESTRICTED
1.02.002	March 1959 – January 1961	RESTRICTED
1.02.003	January 1961 – July 1962	RESTRICTED
Box 2		
1.02.004	August – December 1962	RESTRICTED
1.02.005	January 1964 – July 1965	RESTRICTED
1.02.006	January 1969 – December 1971	RESTRICTED
1.02.007	January 1970 – December 1972	RESTRICTED

1.03 Miscellaneous Accounts, 1945-1968 (Entire sub-series is restricted)

1.03.001	Patients Accounts, A-L, 1951-1953	RESTRICTED
1.03.002	Patients Accounts, M-T, 1951-1953	RESTRICTED
1.03.003	Patients Accounts, U-Z, 1951-1953	RESTRICTED
1.03.004	Ante Natal Clinic Accounts, 1953-1966	RESTRICTED
1.03.005	Accounts Journal, 1945-1951	RESTRICTED
1.03.006	Dept. of Health Accounts, 1967	RESTRICTED
1.03.007	Dept. of Health Accounts, 1968	RESTRICTED

1.04	Cheque Stubs, 1957-1977 <i>(Entire sub-series is restricted)</i>	
1.04.001	January 1957 – July 1958	RESTRICTED
1.04.002	July 1958 – December 1959	RESTRICTED
Box 3		
1.04.003	December 1959 – November 1960	RESTRICTED
1.04.004	November 1960 – July 1961	RESTRICTED
1.04.005	July 1961 – April 1962	RESTRICTED
1.04.006	August 1962 – January 1963	RESTRICTED
1.04.007	January – August 1963	RESTRICTED
1.04.008	August 1963 – March 1964	RESTRICTED
1.04.009	March – October 1964	RESTRICTED
1.04.010	October 1964 – June 1965	RESTRICTED
1.04.011	June 1965 – January 1966	RESTRICTED
1.04.012	January – September 1966	RESTRICTED
1.04.013	September 1966 – April 1967	RESTRICTED
1.04.014	May 1967 – January 1968	RESTRICTED
1.04.015	February – December 1968	RESTRICTED
Box 4		
1.04.016	January – December 1969	RESTRICTED
1.04.017	January 1970 – January 1971	RESTRICTED
1.04.018	January – December 1971	RESTRICTED
1.04.019	September 1972 – April 1973	RESTRICTED
1.04.020	October 1973 – April 1974	RESTRICTED
1.04.021	May – September 1976	RESTRICTED
1.04.022	September 1976 – February 1977	RESTRICTED
1.04.023	March – August 1977	RESTRICTED
1.04.024	August – December 1977	RESTRICTED
1.05	Patient Receipt Books, 1951-1972 <i>(Entire sub-series is restricted)</i>	
1.05.001	April – May 1951	RESTRICTED
1.05.002	June – August 1951	RESTRICTED
1.05.003	October 1951 – January 1952	RESTRICTED
1.05.004	January – April 1952	RESTRICTED
Box 5		
1.05.005	April – July 1952	RESTRICTED
1.05.006	July – September 1952	RESTRICTED
1.05.007	September – October 1952	RESTRICTED
1.05.008	October – November 1952	RESTRICTED
1.05.009	November 1952 – January 1953	RESTRICTED
1.05.010	January – May 1953	RESTRICTED

1.05.011	May – August 1953	RESTRICTED
1.05.012	August – December 1953	RESTRICTED
1.05.013	December 1953 – April 1954	RESTRICTED
1.05.014	April – June 1954	RESTRICTED
1.05.015	June – October 1954	RESTRICTED
1.05.016	October – November 1954	RESTRICTED
Box 6		
1.05.017	November 1954 – January 1955	RESTRICTED
1.05.018	January – April 1955	RESTRICTED
1.05.019	April – May 1955	RESTRICTED
1.05.020	June – July 1955	RESTRICTED
1.05.021	July – September 1955	RESTRICTED
1.05.022	September – October 1955	RESTRICTED
1.05.023	October – December 1955	RESTRICTED
1.05.024	December 1955 – February 1956	RESTRICTED
1.05.025	February – September 1956	RESTRICTED
1.05.026	September – October 1956	RESTRICTED
1.05.027	October – November 1956	RESTRICTED
1.05.028	November – December 1956	RESTRICTED
1.05.029	December 1956 – January 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.030	January – February 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.031	February – March 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.032	March – April 1957	RESTRICTED
Box 7		
1.05.033	April – May 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.034	May – July 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.035	July – August 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.036	August – September 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.037	September – October 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.038	October – November 1957	RESTRICTED
1.05.039	November 1957 – January 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.040	January – June 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.041	January – February 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.042	February – March 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.043	March 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.044	March – April 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.045	April – June 1958	RESTRICTED
Box 8		
1.05.046	June – July 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.047	July – August 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.048	August 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.049	August – September 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.050	September 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.051	September – October 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.052	October 1958	RESTRICTED
1.05.053	October 1958 – February 1959	RESTRICTED

1.05.054	February – March 1959	RESTRICTED
1.05.055	March – June 1959	RESTRICTED
1.05.056	June – October 1959	RESTRICTED
1.05.057	October – November 1959	RESTRICTED
Box 9		
1.05.058	November – December 1959	RESTRICTED
1.05.059	December 1959 – April 1960	RESTRICTED
1.05.060	April – August 1960	RESTRICTED
1.05.061	August – December 1960	RESTRICTED
1.05.062	December 1960 – May 1961	RESTRICTED
1.05.063	May – October 1961	RESTRICTED
1.05.064	October 1961 – March 1962	RESTRICTED
1.05.065	March – August 1962	RESTRICTED
Box 10		
1.05.066	August 1962 – January 1963	RESTRICTED
1.05.067	January – April 1963	RESTRICTED
1.05.068	April – July 1963	RESTRICTED
1.05.069	August – October 1963	RESTRICTED
1.05.070	October 1963 – February 1964	RESTRICTED
1.05.071	February – May 1964	RESTRICTED
1.05.072	May – September 1964	RESTRICTED
1.05.073	September 1964 – January 1965	RESTRICTED
1.05.074	January – May 1965	RESTRICTED
1.05.075	May – September 1965	RESTRICTED
1.05.076	September 1965 – January 1966	RESTRICTED
1.05.077	January – May 1966	RESTRICTED
1.05.078	May – August 1966	RESTRICTED
Box 11		
1.05.079	September – December 1966	RESTRICTED
1.05.080	December 1966 – June 1967	RESTRICTED
1.05.081	June 1967 – February 1968	RESTRICTED
1.05.082	February 1970 – December 1972	RESTRICTED
1.05.083	February 1971 – November 1972	RESTRICTED
1.05.084	Receipt Book, Rental, January 1957 – April 1960	RESTRICTED

1.06 Patient Account Cards, 1952-1966 (incomplete)
(Entire sub-series is restricted)

Box 16

1.06.001 M – O, 1952-1966 **RESTRICTED**

Box 17

1.06.002 P – S, 1952-1966 **RESTRICTED**

Box 18

1.06.003 S – Z, 1952-1966 **RESTRICTED**

2.0 Patient Records, 1949-1975
(Entire series is restricted)

2.01 Desk Diaries, Appointment Books, 1956-1970
(Entire sub-series is restricted)

Box 11

2.01.001	1956	RESTRICTED
2.01.002	1957	RESTRICTED
2.01.003	1958	RESTRICTED

Box 12

2.01.004	1960	RESTRICTED
2.01.005	1961	RESTRICTED
2.01.006	1963	RESTRICTED
2.01.007	1964	RESTRICTED
2.01.008	1966	RESTRICTED
2.01.009	1967	RESTRICTED
2.01.010	1967	RESTRICTED
2.01.011	1968	RESTRICTED
2.01.012	1969	RESTRICTED
2.01.013	1970	RESTRICTED

2.02 Log Books, Medicare, Credit Accounts, 1951-1975
(Entire sub-series is restricted)

Box 13

2.02.001	Telephone Message Log Book, 1957	RESTRICTED
2.02.002	Obstetrics Patients Records, 1951-1958	RESTRICTED
2.02.003	Obstetrics Patients Records, 1958-1966	RESTRICTED
2.02.004	Daily Income Book, Patients, 1966, 1968, 1969	RESTRICTED
2.02.005	Credit Bureau Receipts, 1964-1966	RESTRICTED
2.02.006	Credit Bureau Accounts, 1964-1966	RESTRICTED
2.02.007	Medicare Claim Forms, 1975	RESTRICTED

2.03 Laboratory Reports, 1949-1951, 'S' continues to 1967
(Entire sub-series is restricted)

Scope and content: The Laboratory reports are filed alphabetically by surname. They consist of pathology and radiology laboratory reports. Most of the records are from 1949-51, but 'S' continues to 1967.

2.03.001	A	RESTRICTED
2.03.002	B	RESTRICTED
2.03.003	C	RESTRICTED

Box 14

2.03.004	D	RESTRICTED
2.03.005	E	RESTRICTED
2.03.006	F	RESTRICTED
2.03.007	G	RESTRICTED
2.03.008	H	RESTRICTED
2.03.009	I	RESTRICTED
2.03.010	J	RESTRICTED
2.03.011	K	RESTRICTED
2.03.012	L	RESTRICTED
2.03.013	M	RESTRICTED
2.03.014	N	RESTRICTED
2.03.015	O	RESTRICTED
2.03.016	P	RESTRICTED
2.03.017	Q	RESTRICTED
2.03.018	R	RESTRICTED
2.03.019	S	RESTRICTED
2.03.020	T	RESTRICTED
2.03.021	U V W	RESTRICTED
2.03.022	X Y Z	RESTRICTED

2.04 **Patient Medical Record Cards, 1950- (2 series)**
*(Entire sub-series is restricted)***Box 19**

2.04.001	A - C	RESTRICTED
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Box 20

2.04.002	C - E	RESTRICTED
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Box 21

2.04.003	F - M	RESTRICTED
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Box 22

2.04.004	M - R	RESTRICTED
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Box 23

2.04.005	R - Z	RESTRICTED
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Box 24

2.04.006	A - G	RESTRICTED
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Box 25

2.04.007	H - L	RESTRICTED
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Box 26

2.04.008	M- P	RESTRICTED
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Box 27

2.04.009	P – T	RESTRICTED
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Box 28

2.04.010	U – Z	RESTRICTED
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3.0 Administrative Files, 1950-1967
(Contains restricted material)

3.01 Correspondence and Notes, 1950-1967
(Contains restricted material)

Box 14

- 3.01.001 Canadian Medical Association, 1954-1961
- 3.01.002 Department of Health, Correspondence, 1950-1953
- 3.01.003 Health Plan for Doctors, 1954, 1964
- 3.01.004 Health Publications, 1950's
- 3.01.005 Hospital Correspondence, Mainland, 1961
- 3.01.006 Hospital General, Correspondence, 1951
- 3.01.007 Hospital Grace, Correspondence, 1957 **RESTRICTED**
- 3.01.008 Hospital Grace, Correspondence, 1957
- 3.01.009 Hospital St. Clare's Mercy, Correspondence, 1956-1966
- 3.01.010 Lecture Notes: Treatment of Placenta Previa; Ante Natal Care in Newfoundland
- 3.01.011 Lecture Notes on Obstetrics, handwritten, untitled
- 3.01.012 Maternal Child Health Group, 1956
- 3.01.013 Medical Convention Receipts, etc., 1964, 1966

Box 15

- 3.01.014 Newfoundland Medical Association Minutes and Correspondence, 1955-1961
- 3.01.015 Newfoundland Medical Association Schedule of Fees, 1956-1967

BOX LIST

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Box 2	1.02.004 – 1.04.002
Box 3	1.04.003 – 1.04.015
Box 4	1.04.016 – 1.05.004
Box 5	1.05.005 – 1.05.016
Box 6	1.05.017 – 1.05.032
Box 7	1.05.033 – 1.05.045
Box 8	1.05.046 – 1.05.057
Box 9	1.05.058 – 1.05.065
Box 10	1.05.066 – 1.05.078
Box 11	1.05.079 – 1.05.084, 2.01.001-2.01.003 (NOTE: – 1.06.001-1.06.003 in Boxes, 16 - 18)
Box 12	2.01.004 – 2.01.013
Box 13	2.02.001 – 2.03.003
Box 14	2.03.004 – 2.03.022, 3.01.001 – 3.01.013 (NOTE: – 2.04.001-2.04.010 in Boxes 19 - 28)
Box 15	3.01.014 – 3.01.015
Box 16	1.06.001
Box 17	1.06.002
Box 18	1.06.003
Box 19	2.04.001
Box 20	2.04.002
Box 21	2.04.003
Box 22	2.04.004
Box 23	2.04.005
Box 24	2.04.006
Box 25	2.06.007
Box 26	2.06.008
Box 27	2.06.009
Box 28	2.06.010