

# Brock Fahrni fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Brock Fahrni fonds.** – 1951-1979.

13 cm of textual records.

## Biographical Sketch

Brock M. Fahrni (1913-1982) came to the University of British Columbia in 1952 as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Medicine. He became the founding Director of UBC's School of Rehabilitation Medicine in 1961 and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1978. He was renowned for his radical approach to geriatrics and spent much of his life challenging traditional myths about the aging process. His contributions to the field began in the 1940s when he began working with aging war veterans and advocated social planning for them. Fahrni opposed the notion that aging was a disease and worked to keep elderly people in the general community with the assistance of support programs.

## Scope and Content

The fonds consists of the following series: correspondence (1966-1978); publications (1960-1977); subject files, including the Faculty of Medicine (1977-1979), British Columbia Medical Centre (1974-1975), Shaughnessy Hospital (1954-1979), Department of Veteran's Affairs (1951-1959); research materials (1956-1977); and miscellaneous newspaper clippings.

## Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

File list available.

# File List

Box 1

Correspondence (Incoming and outgoing)

- 1-1 Adams, Dr. D.G. (1971)  
Johnstone, Dr. W. (1966)  
MacKay, Dr. E. (1978)

Typescripts/Publications by Fahrni

- 1-2 "Aging and Health" [n.d.]  
"Preamble to Hospital Construction Manual" [n.d.]  
"Proposal to Establish an Identifiable Functional Grouping of "Geriatric" Services at Shaughnessy Hospital, D.V.A." [n.d.]  
"Human Hyperlipaemia and Hypercholesterolaemia" British Medical Journal (1960)  
"The Responsibility of the Acute General Hospital to the Patient Requiring Continuing (Chronic) Care" British Columbia Medical Journal (1963)  
"Post-Discharge Adjustment of Elderly and Disabled Patients" Medical Services Journal Canada (1966)  
"A Description of the Role and Contribution of Allied Health Professionals to Geriatric Service Programs at the Community Level" (1974)  
"Care of the Healthy Elderly" Canadian Family Physician (1977)  
"Brief on the Urgent Need for More Effective Interprofessional Training" (1977)  
"Brief on Geriatric Training" (1977)

Subject Files

- 1-3 British Columbia Medical Centre - Copies of Task Force Submissions (1974/75)  
Family Practice, Geriatric, Medicine, Nursing, Preventive Medicine, Rehabilitation, Veteran Health
- 1-4 Faculty of Medicine (University of British Columbia) - Miscellaneous  
"Medical Faculty Curriculum Models for Geriatrics" [n.d.]  
"Geriatric Medicine" (1977)  
"Proposal for a Gerontology Teaching Program and Research Resources"

- Centre at the University of British Columbia" (1978) [Table of Contents]  
"Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine, Department Head Report to Medical  
Advisory Committee" (1979)
- 1-5 Geriatrics - Miscellaneous [n.d.]
- 1-6 International Rehabilitation Medicine Association "News and Views"  
[Newsletter] (1976-1978)
- 1-7 Shaughnessy Hospital  
"Three Year Report on that Group of Veterans over 50 Referred for  
Consideration of Domiciliary Care, 1951-1954" [1954?]  
"Annual Report of A & R Unit, Shaughnessy Hospital, March 31, 1959"  
"Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Chronic Care Committee" (November  
24, 1961)  
"Statistical Report of Patient Care, Department of Medicine Shaughnessy  
Hospital for the Year 1975" (1976)  
"The Provision of Extended Care: Some General Observations and  
Comments" (1977)
- 1-8 Veteran Affairs, Dept. of - Reports, Correspondence (1951-1959)
- 1-9 Conferences - Copies of papers by others, printed material (1966, 1975)
- Research Material
- 1-10 Printed materials, papers, publications, miscellaneous (1956-1977)
- Newspaper Clippings
- 1-11 Miscellaneous