



Unidentified patient directing the sun into her mouth to promote healing of tuberculosis of the throat. Valmora, NM ca 1930s

"It will be realized by all patients at Valmora that the use of sunlight in the cure of disease is a very different procedure from the enjoyment of sun baths in health.... Heliotherapists have discovered that a series of short exposure made several times during the day produces the most beneficial result....In tuberculosis, all agree that light therapy acts as a definite curative agent in certain forms... Tuberculosis of the bone and joint, of the intestine, peritoneum, genitor-urinary tract, or larynx. . . in all these sunlight is indicated."

The Valmora Guide, Valmora Sanatorium
Valmora, New Mexico
ca 1930s



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Books

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NMHHC HISTORY

The New Mexico Health Historical Collection (NMHHC) was established in 1984 to document health and healthcare in the state by collecting and preserving materials to be used for research, education, and exhibits. The materials are available for use in the NMHHC Room on the main floor of the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (223).

The NMHHC webpage contains links to:

- A subject list of collections
- An alphabetical oral history list with links to online transcripts
- A list of the New Mexico/Southwest Collection

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Nursery at Cradle Home Hospital
Santa Fe, NM 1954



Astronaut candidate undergoing physical testing
at Lovelace Foundation for Medical Education and
Research. Albuquerque, NM ca 1958-1959

SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT

We suggest that researchers make an appointment with the Archivist to discuss resources available and/or to arrange to have offsite materials paged to the reading room (archivist@salud.unm.edu or 505-272-8873).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ONLINE ARCHIVE

NMHHC is a participant in the Rocky Mountain Online Archive (RMOA), an online database of finding aids providing access to information about the cultural heritage resources from Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. To date NMHHC has published thirty-three finding aids to RMOA. Additional entries will be added each year.

<http://rmoa.unm.edu>

THE COLLECTIONS

BOOKS

New Mexico/Southwest is a collection of books and reports that document the history of health in New Mexico and the Southwest. The collection contains works pertaining to traditional medicines and medical practices, ethnobotany, and memoirs of early medical practitioners.

ORAL HISTORIES

Starting in 1984, some of New Mexico's senior healthcare professionals have been interviewed for the Oral History Program. Currently, 165 interviews are available with 25 transcripts online.

PERSONAL PAPERS/RECORDS

The collections include primary and secondary source materials on hospitals, sanatoria, health-related organizations, and personal papers.

PHOTOGRAPH ARCHIVES

The photograph archives contain 228 cataloged collections including pictures of physicians, nurses, midwives, hospitals, and sanatoria in New Mexico.

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"History..., in different hands, teaches or shows us most kinds of knowable past and almost every kind of imaginable future."

Keywords, Raymond Williams, 1988