

# Wasserman, Albert J., Papers

Albert J. Wasserman Papers

1925-2003



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## Descriptive Summary

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## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

The collection is open to research; however some files with confidential information are restricted. Redacted copies may be made available at the discretion of the Special Collections and Archives staff.

**Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Acquisition Information**

Gift of Gail Wasserman Hart, 2011.

**Processing Information**

Due to the large volume of material in the subject files only a representative sample of the journal articles and abstracts that Wasserman collected have been kept. All original materials such as lecture notes have been retained in full.

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## Biographical/Historical Information

Albert Julian Wasserman was born in Richmond, Virginia to Ann and Stanley Wasserman on January 23, 1928. Wasserman attended Thomas Jefferson High School and then the University of Virginia where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He began medical school at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in 1948. Wasserman was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Sigma Zeta National Honorary Scientific Society, and Phi Delta Epsilon. He graduated in 1951 and was appointed to Beth Hospital in Massachusetts. He received additional training at MCV before entering the Air Force.

Wasserman returned to MCV in 1956 and remained for the rest of his career. He was a professor of medicine and clinical pharmacology, served as associate dean of curriculum, and as executive associate dean. During his tenure he was chosen as "Teacher of the Year" in 1977-1979, received the Special Award for Contributions to Education for the MCV Classes of 1981-1984, and given the Dean's Award for outstanding contribution to students and faculty at MCV in 1990. Wasserman served as editor or reviewer for several professional publications and was author or co-author of more than 100 scientific articles. In addition to his work at MCV, Wasserman served as the Chief of Medical Service at the VA Hospital, Richmond from 1960-1963. He was also involved in numerous academic and professional organizations and was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. In 1992 he was awarded the MCV Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award. That same year Wasserman retired from MCV and was granted Professor Emeritus status. He also established an endowed pharmacology award in his name. The Albert J. Wasserman, M.D. Student Award in Pharmacology is given each year to the M2 student with the highest score in that course. Wasserman was also active in the local community. He served as President of Beth Shalom Home and of Temple Beth-El.

Wasserman married his high school sweetheart Martele "Marty" Sporn on June 27, 1948 while he was in medical school. Mrs. Wasserman, a graduate of Richmond Professional Institute, later became the secretary to Dr. William T. Sanger, President of MCV. They had three children. Dr. Wasserman died on September 6, 2006 in Richmond, Virginia.

## Scope and Content

The papers of Albert J. Wasserman include materials relating to his career at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) as a professor of medicine and clinical pharmacology. These materials including his subject files and his personal papers.

Series 1: Subject Files, 1925-1995. This series consists of a representative sample of materials from Wasserman's subject files which include lecture notes, abstracts, journal articles, grand rounds case studies, and other materials related to medical issues that Dr. Wasserman studied and researched.

Series 2: Personal Papers, 1957-2003. This series includes personal correspondence; materials relating to Wasserman's employment such as his letter of appointment to the faculty, personnel forms, employee handbook, and related materials; items related to his retirement including cards, letters, invitations, and his personal remarks from his retirement reception; MCV related programs; the endowment agreement for the creation of the Wasserman Student Award in Pharmacology; ephemera, including his MCV ID; and other related items.

## Separated Materials

This collection also included several artifacts a hemometer and hemacytomer, a head mirror reflector, and a glass decanter with the VCU seal. These items have been added to the medical artifacts. The collection also included papers and materials from Albert Wasserman's wife, Matele Sporn Wasserman. These materials have been transferred to Cabell Special Collection.

## Keywords

Hart, Gail Wasserman

## Arrangement

This collection is divided into two series:

Series 1, Subject Files, 1925-1995. Series 2, Personal Papers, 1957-2003.

Efforts have been made to maintain the original file titles and organization. Both series are arranged alphabetically and the material with the files are arranged chronologically where applicable.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series 1: Subject Files

**Unit Date** 1925-1995

**Language** English.

**Extent** 3 Linear Feet

#### **Allopurinol Hypersensitivity Syndrome**

**Unit Date** 1976

**Mixed Materials** 1:1 (Box-folder)

#### **Analgesics**

**Unit Date** 1973-1990

**Mixed Materials** 1:2-3 (Box-folder)

#### **Access Restrictions**

Some materials restricted.

#### **Anti-arrhythmic Drugs - Lecture,**

**Unit Date** 1976-1991

**Mixed Materials** 1:4-5 (Box-folder)

#### **Anticoagulants in Acute Myocardial Infarction**

**Unit Date** 1965-1969

**Mixed Materials** 1:6 (Box-folder)

#### **Access Restricted**

Some materials restricted.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Contains manuscript, tables, and lecture notes.

## **Asthma**

**Unit Date** 1981-1991

**Mixed Materials** 1:7 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains notes on bronchodialator lecture, slides.

## **Autonomic Pharmacology**

**Unit Date** 1959-1973

**Mixed Materials** 1:8 (Box-folder)

## **Atherosclerosis - Lipids**

**Unit Date** 1964-1976

**Mixed Materials** 1:9 (Box-folder)

## **Boston Collaborative Drug Surveillance Program**

**Unit Date** 1973-1975

**Mixed Materials** 1:10 (Box-folder)

## **Calcium Channel Blockers**

**Unit Date** 1981-1987

**Mixed Materials** 1:11 (Box-folder)

## **Cardiac Cycle, Events of**

**Unit Date** 1964-1971

**Mixed Materials** 1:12 (Box-folder)

## **Cerebral Blood Flow**

**Unit Date** 1948-1972

**Mixed Materials** 1:13 (Box-folder)

### **Access Restrictions**

Some materials restricted.

## **Cerebral Blood Flow and Ammonia**

**Unit Date** 1960-1966

**Mixed Materials** 1:14 (Box-folder)

## **Cerebral Blood Flow and Hypoxemia, Reference**

**Unit Date** 1957-1970

**Mixed Materials** 1:15 (Box-folder)

## **Cerebral Blood Flow and Oxygen Data**

**Unit Date** 1965

**Mixed Materials** 1:16 (Box-folder)

### **Access Restrictions**

Some materials restricted.

## **Colestipol study**

**Unit Date** 1970-1977

**Mixed Materials** 1:17 (Box-folder)

### **Access Restrictions**

Some materials restricted

## **Congestive Heart Failure, Lecture**

**Unit Date** 1976-1985

**Mixed Materials** 1:18 (Box-folder)

## **Common Cold**

**Unit Date** 1977-1978

**Mixed Materials** 1:19 (Box-folder)

## **Chronic Obstructive pulmonary Disease, Drug Rx**

**Unit Date** 1982-1991

**Mixed Materials** 1:20 (Box-folder)

## **Coronary Distress, Rx After Myocardial Infarction**

**Unit Date** 1979-1989

**Mixed Materials** 2:1 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains lecture notes, abstracts, and articles.

## **Cromolyn Sodium**

**Unit Date** 1971-1975

**Mixed Materials** 2:2 (Box-folder)

## **Drug Interactions**

**Unit Date** 1976-1986

**Mixed Materials** 2:3 (Box-folder)

## **Digitalis - Lecture**

**Unit Date** 1984-1991

**Mixed Materials** 2:4 (Box-folder)

## **Digitalis - Notes**

**Unit Date** 1955-1971

**Mixed Materials** 2:5 (Box-folder)

## **Digoxin, Overdoese**

**Unit Date** 1970-1982

**Mixed Materials** 2:6 (Box-folder)

## **Digoxin - Toxicity**

**Unit Date** 1967-1979

**Mixed Materials** 2:7 (Box-folder)

## **Drugs - Costs, Generics, Equivalency**

**Unit Date** 1974-1991

**Mixed Materials** 2:8 (Box-folder)

## **Drugs - Development**

**Unit Date** 1974-1990

**Mixed Materials** 2:9 (Box-folder)

## **Drugs - Evaluation Lecture**

**Unit Date** 1982-1992

**Mixed Materials** 2:10 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains lecture notes, abstracts, articles, and some literature from medical conferences.

## **Drugs - Laws**

**Unit Date** 1970-1981

**Mixed Materials** 2:11 (Box-folder)

## **Drugs - Virginia Voluntary Formulary Act**

**Unit Date** 1979-1984

**Mixed Materials** 2:12 (Box-folder)

## **Familial Hyperlipemia**

**Unit Date** 1958-1959

**Mixed Materials** 2:13 (Box-folder)

### **Access Restrictions**

This file is restricted.

## **Foundations in Clinical Medicine - Geriatrics**

**Unit Date** 1995

**Mixed Materials** 2:14 (Box-folder)

## **Genetics and Lipid Metabolism**

**Unit Date** 1971-1976

**Mixed Materials** 2:15 (Box-folder)

## **Geriatrics**

**Unit Date** 1971-1986

**Mixed Materials** 2:16 (Box-folder)

## **Geriatric Pharmacology**

**Unit Date** 1982-1988

**Mixed Materials** 2:17 (Box-folder)

## **Hemochromatosis**

**Unit Date** 1933-1964

**Mixed Materials** 2:18 (Box-folder)

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Some materials are restricted.

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains correspondence, article reprints, notes, and images.

## **History of Medical Education**

**Unit Date** 1925-1991

**Mixed Materials** 2:19 (Box-folder)

## **Hyperlipidemia - Clinic Lecture**

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials** 2:20 (Box-folder)

## **Hyperlipidemia - Treatment**

**Unit Date** 1989-1991

**Mixed Materials** 2:21 (Box-folder)

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Some materials are restricted.

## **Hyperlipoproteinemia**

**Unit Date** 1967-1991

**Mixed Materials** 2:22 (Box-folder)

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Some materials are restricted.

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains reprint of Holimon and Wasserman article, "Autopsy Findings in Type 3 Hyperlipoproteinemia," study notes, articles and abstracts.

## **Hyperlipoproteinemia - Lovastatin**

**Unit Date** 1984-1987

**Mixed Materials** 2:23 (Box-folder)

## **Hyperlipoproteinemia - Diagnosis and Treatment**

**Mixed Materials** 2:24 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains lecture notes and handouts, articles, and abstracts.

## **Hypertension**

**Unit Date** 1972-1988

**Mixed Materials** 3:1 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

General file includes notes, abstracts, and related materials.

## **Hypertension - Calcium Channel Blockers**

**Unit Date** 1982-1987

**Mixed Materials** 3:2 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - Crises, Diagnosis, & Prescription**

**Unit Date** 1974-1989

**Mixed Materials** 3:3 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - Current Therapy**

**Unit Date** 1985-1991

**Mixed Materials** 3:4 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - Diet**

**Unit Date** 1971-1987

**Mixed Materials** 3:5 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - Drugs vs Renin Angiotensin**

**Unit Date** 1979-1985

**Mixed Materials** 3:6 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - Elderly**

**Unit Date** 1979-1987

**Mixed Materials** 3:7 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - New Drugs**

**Unit Date** 1978-1980

**Mixed Materials** 3:8 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - Pharmacology Lecture**

**Unit Date** 1984-1988

**Mixed Materials** 3:9 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension - Pathogenesis & Renin Profiles**

**Unit Date** 1977-1985

**Mixed Materials** 3:10 (Box-folder)

## **Hypertension Panel - M-IV Update Course**

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials** 3:11 (Box-folder)

## **Lipid Cases**

**Unit Date** 1987

**Mixed Materials** 3:12 (Box-folder)

## **Lipid Lecture & Notes**

**Unit Date** 1986-1990

**Mixed Materials** 3:13 (Box-folder)

## **Lipid Treatment**

**Unit Date** 1990

**Mixed Materials** 3:14 (Box-folder)

## **Mucolytics - Cough Drugs**

**Unit Date** 1971-1980

**Mixed Materials** 3:15 (Box-folder)

## **Mucormycosis**

**Unit Date** 1961-1979

**Mixed Materials** 3:16 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains notes, abstracts, and reprints of the 1961 article "Cerebral Mucormycosis, by Wasserman, Shields, and Sporn.

## **Muscle Blood Flow**

**Unit Date** 1973-1975

**Mixed Materials** 3:17 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains notes, abstracts, and reprints of the 1975 article "Blood flow in muscle groups and drug absorption," by Evans, Proctor, Fratkind, Velandia, and Wasserman.

## **Myocardial infarction - Prognosis**

**Unit Date** 1968-1992

**Mixed Materials** 3:18 (Box-folder)

## **Myocardial Infarction - Rx**

**Unit Date** 1967-1991

**Mixed Materials** 3:19 (Box-folder)

## **Nitrates - Lecture**

**Unit Date** 1982-1987

**Mixed Materials** 3:20 (Box-folder)

## **Nutritional & Diet Information**

**Unit Date** 1990-1992

**Mixed Materials** 3:21 (Box-folder)

## **Osteoporosis**

**Unit Date** 1998

**Mixed Materials** 3:22 (Box-folder)

## **Presentation - UVA**

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 3:23 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains notes and presentation text titled "The Management of a Patient's Lifetime of Cirulatory Disease."

## **Pharmacy Student Physician Visitations**

**Unit Date** 1978-1982

**Mixed Materials** 3:24 (Box-folder)

## **Pharmacy Student Physician Visitation - Evaluations**

**Unit Date** no date

**Mixed Materials** 3:25 (Box-folder)

## **Pharmacotherapeutic Conference**

**Unit Date** 1973-1981

**Mixed Materials** 3:26 (Box-folder)

## **Primary Pulmonary Hypertension**

**Unit Date** 1961-1984

**Mixed Materials** 3:27 (Box-folder)

## **Psychopharmacology**

**Unit Date** 1994

**Mixed Materials** 3:28 (Box-folder)

## **Raynaud's Phenomenon**

**Unit Date** 1963-1990

**Mixed Materials** 4:1 (Box-folder)

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Some materials are restricted.

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains notes, grand rounds cases, images, articles, and reprints of the 1969 article "Effect of Reserpine in Raynaud's Phenomenon," by Kontos and Wasserman.

## **Renin - Angiotensin**

**Unit Date** 1968-1977

**Mixed Materials** 4:2 (Box-folder)

## **Reprints**

**Unit Date** 1957-1984

**Mixed Materials** 4:3 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This file contains reprints of articles that Wasserman authored or co-authored.

## **Risk Factors - Lecture**

**Unit Date** 1978-1987

**Mixed Materials** 4:4 (Box-folder)

## **Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

**Unit Date** 1949-1991

**Mixed Materials** 4:5 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This file contains abstracts, notes, pamphlets and booklets on sexually transmitted diseases. Included is a 1949 handbook titled "Diagnosis and Treatment of Syphilis," and information on the 1975 amendment to the Virginia Marriage Examination Law, including pamphlets and the blue examination cards.

## **Sotalol**

**Unit Date** 1982-1987

**Mixed Materials** 4:6 (Box-folder)

## **Takayasu Syndrome**

**Unit Date** 1962-1967

**Mixed Materials** 4:7 (Box-folder)

## **Theophyllines/Bronchodilators**

**Unit Date** 1975-1981

**Mixed Materials** 4:8 (Box-folder)

## **Vasculitis**

**Unit Date** 1997

**Mixed Materials** 4:9 (Box-folder)

## **Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome**

**Unit Date** 1967-1989

**Mixed Materials** 4:10 (Box-folder)

## **Xanthomatous Disorders**

**Unit Date** 1962-1965

**Mixed Materials** 4:11 (Box-folder)

## **Series 2: Personal Papers**

**Unit Date** 1957-2003

**Extent** 1 Linear Feet

### **Correspondence**

**Unit Date** undated, 1957, 1988-1992, 2003

**Mixed Materials** 4:12 (Box-folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This file contains personal correspondence and is mainly comprised of notes send on the occasion of Wasserman receiving the MCV Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award and a few letters from family members.

## **Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond**

**Unit Date** 2002

**Mixed Materials** 4:13 (Box-folder)

## **Ephemera**

**Mixed Materials** 4:14 (Box-folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a photograph of the Wassermans, his id badge from MCV, and two patches from Thomas Jefferson High School which Wasserman attended.

**MCV Employment and Faculty records**

**Unit Date** 1957-1990

**Mixed Materials** 4:15 (Box-folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This file contains information relating to Wasserman's employment at MCV including an undated employee handbook (prior to 1968).

**MCV - Programs**

**Unit Date** 1986-1987, 1992

**Mixed Materials** 4:16 (Box-folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Contains MCV graduation programs from 1986 and 1987, Medical Division Reunion programs, and Service Award Programs.

**MCV - Retirement**

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials** 4:17 (Box-folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Contains letters, cards, notes, invitations, and other items related to Wasserman's retirement from MCV in 1992.

**Wasserman Student Award in Pharmacology**

**Unit Date** 1992-1993

**Mixed Materials** 4:18 (Box-folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Contains the endowment agreement for the creation of the award, correspondence, and a program from the 1993 Medical Students Honor Day where the award was first given.