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Abstract

The Dr. Ardwin H. Barsanti and Dr. John D. Bunce Medical Equipment date from the 1950s-1960s and consists of medical tools used in the offices of the first dedicated pediatric practice in Fairfax County, Virginia by Doctors Barsanti and Bunce in Annandale, Virginia.

Creator

Barsanti, Ardwin H. (1925-) and John D. Bunce (1924-2004)

Extent

.5 linear feet

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None

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None

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None

Historical and Biographical Information

Dr. Ardwin H. Barsanti and Dr. John D. Bunce (1924-2004) started in practice together on November 11, 1953 as the first pediatricians in Fairfax County, Virginia. Dr. Barsanti, originally from Union City, New Jersey, attended Emmerson High School and graduated from New York University. Barsanti received his medical degree from the Bellevue Medical Center in New York City and completed his residency in pediatrics at the Arkansas Children's Home and Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. John Daniel Bunce was a native of Buffalo, New York and served in the Army Specialized Training Program during World War II. He graduated from Canisius College and received a medical degree from Georgetown University.

In 1951, the pair met at the Children's Hospital of the District of Columbia when Barsanti was appointed Instructor in Pediatrics and Bunce appointed Assistant in Pediatrics. In 1953, the two formed their own pediatric practice in Annandale, Virginia in a converted house at the intersection of Gallows Road and Columbia Pike.

House calls were routine at the time. Their territory extended from Annandale to Kamp Washington and from Springfield to Chain Bridge. Fairfax Hospital did not exist until 1963, so when Dr. Barsanti or Dr. Bunce were on call for newborn visits, one of them would start at Alexandria Hospital and then travel to hospitals in Washington D.C. and then cross back into Virginia to Arlington Hospital and then home to the practice on Gallows Road. One of them worked in the office while the other made house calls and hospital visits. The pair would see sick children, conduct well physicals and immunizations as well as minor surgery. Their laboratory services included throat cultures, blood counts, and urine analysis.

In 1963, Barsanti and Bunce moved to the newly constructed Annandale Doctors Building at 7501 Little River Turnpike, where the practice continues today known as Annandale Pediatrics. The pair continued practicing into the early 1990s.

Scope and Content

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Index Terms

Annandale (Va.) - History

Barsanti, Ardwin H. (1925-)

Bunce, John D. (1924-2004)

Medical care - Virginia - Fairfax County

Medical instruments and apparatus - History

Medicine - United States - History

Pediatrics

Container List

Box 1: Business card, Ardwin H. Barsanti, M.D. and John D. Bunce, M.D., LTD, Ahmad Ellini, M.D., c. 1990

Box 1: U.S. Pioneer medical container [contains 10 needles and 23 miscellaneous medical instruments], Undated

Box 1: Spencer Bright Line Haemacytometer [contains instruments], Undated

Box 1: Bright-Line Haemacytometer [contains instruments], Undated

Box 1: Hematology Outfit [contains instruments], Undated

Box 1: Lifeline Syringe Holder [contains 20 syringes], Undated