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Writing the History of the University of Massachusetts Medical School
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In 2001, UMass Medical School (UMMS) created the Office of Medical History and Archives with the mission to build a permanent resource for the history of medical education and health care, to preserve institutional records, and to provide the scholarly community and the general public with the means to understand the history of medicine and health care. The Office of Medical History and Archives is dedicated to the development of a comprehensive history of UMMS and its predecessor institutions. Since 2001, the Office has also engaged in community history projects and research, including partnerships with local institutions such as the Worcester Historical Museum and the Shrewsbury Historical Society.

The initial efforts of the Office of Medical History and Archives were focused on building a collection of oral histories, interviews, and other materials related to the history of UMMS. Over time, the program has expanded to include the preservation and dissemination of institutional records, the development of exhibits and resources related to the history of medicine and health care, and the facilitation of research and teaching related to the history of medicine.

The Office of Medical History and Archives continues to work with a wide range of partners, including local historical societies, libraries, and museums, to preserve and share the history of medicine and health care. Through these partnerships, the Office is able to collect and share a diverse range of materials, including interviews, records, and other resources that help to document the history of medicine and health care.

The Office of Medical History and Archives is committed to providing a resource for researchers, educators, and the general public to understand the history of medicine and health care. Through its ongoing efforts, the Office continues to build a comprehensive history of UMMS and its predecessor institutions, and to share this information with a wide range of audiences.
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