

The Board on Medicine

1967-1970

The Board on Medicine was established by a motion of the NAS Council in June 1967. The Board, originally called the Board on Medicine & Public Health, was to serve as an advisory body that would “formulate recommendations on matters of policy related to medicine and public health.” The prehistory of the Board lay in discussions centering around the need for and desirability of establishing a National Academy of Medicine; what would eventually issue from the Board in 1970 wasn’t a National Academy of Medicine per se, but an Institute of Medicine under the charter of the National Academy of Sciences.

During its three-year existence, the Board initiated or proposed studies in a number of fields, including medical education and the delivery of health care services to the disadvantaged. Perhaps the Board’s best-known product was a 1968 statement on cardiac transplantation in humans.

At the same time that the Board was pursuing its program efforts, it was also looking into the matter of what institutional form it ultimately should take. The end result was the formal establishment of the Institute of Medicine in December 1970. The records of the Board on Medicine are organized into five series.

Series 1: Board on Medicine (BOM)

Contains administrative records of the BOM, including correspondence, meeting records, memoranda and other materials documenting the establishment, funding, membership, and other administrative activities of the Board on Medicine.

1.1 ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

- Annual Report: 1969
- Chairman’s Report to NAS Section of Medical Sciences: 1970
- Establishment: Board on Medicine & Public Health: 1967
- Press Release & Coverage: 1967
 - General: 1967-1968
- Function Statement: 1968
- Drafts & Discussion: 1968
- Funding
 - Requests to Foundations: Historical Listing: 1967-1970
 - Requests to Foundations: General: 1968-1969
 - General: 1967-1970
- Inquiries: 1967-1970
- Meetings
 - Agenda & Background: 22 Jul 1970
 - Transcript: 22 Jul 1970
 - Agenda & Background: 24-25 Jun 1970
 - Minutes: 24 Jun 1970
 - Transcript: 24 Jun 1970
 - Transcript: 13-14 May 1970

- Agenda: 11-12 Mar 1970
 - Transcript: 11-12 Mar 1970
- Agenda: 21-22 Jan 1970
 - Transcript: 21-22 Jan 1970
 - General: 21-22 Jan 1970
- Agenda: 12-13 Nov 1969
 - Minutes: 12-13 Nov 1969
 - Transcript: 12-13 Nov 1969
- Agenda: 29-30 Sept 1969
 - Minutes: 29-30 Sept 1969
 - Transcript: 29-30 Sept 1969
 - General: 29-30 Sept 1969
- Transcript: 30 July 1969
 - General: 30 July 1969
- Agenda: 25-26 Jun 1969
 - Transcript: 25-26 Jun 1969
 - Transcript: Executive Session: 26 Jun 1969
- Agenda: 7-8 May 1969
 - Minutes: 7-8 May 1969
 - Transcript: 7-8 May 1969
 - General: 7-8 May 1969
- Agenda: 12-13 Mar 1969
 - Transcript: 12-13 Mar 1969
- Agenda: 16-17 Jan 1969
 - Transcript: 16-17 Jan 1969
- Agenda: 20-21 Nov 1968
 - Transcript: 20-21 Nov 1968
- Agenda: 25-26 Sept 1968
 - Transcript: 25-26 Sept 1968
 - General: 25-26 Sept 1968
- Transcript: 22 Jul 1968
 - General: 22 Jul 1968
- Transcript: 13 Jun 1968
 - General: 13-14 Jun 1968
- Background Material: 10-11 Apr 1968
 - Minutes: 10-11 Apr 1968
 - General: 10-11 Apr 1968
- Minutes: Draft: 4 Mar 1968
 - General: 4 Mar 1968
- Minutes: Draft: 1-2 Feb 1968
 - General: 1-2 Feb 1968
- Minutes: 14-15 Dec 1967
 - General: 14-15 Dec 1967
 - Minutes: 15 Nov 1967
 - General: 15 Nov 1967
- Membership
 - Committee on Expansion of Membership: 1969-1970
 - Murtaugh J S: 1967

- Representation of Specialties: 1967-1969
 - General: 1967-1968
- Professions Represented: Proposed: 1967-1968
- Program Planning Committee: 1970
- Transmittals: 1968-1970
- General: 1967-1970

Series 2: BOM Programs

Contains records of BOM studies, statements, responses to requests for comment or advice, and other program activities.

1.1 FILES

- Ad hoc Committee on Mondale Resolution: 1968
- Colloquia: Reform of Medical Education: Joint with NIH: 1968-1969
- Comment on Rules on Clinical Investigation of Methadone: 1970
- Computers in Health & Medical Education: 1967-1969
 - Genetics: 1968-1970
 - Medicare: 1969
 - Population & Family Planning: 1968
- DDT: Unreleased: 1970
- General: 1968-1970
- Health Care Costs: Proposed: 1969
- Issues of Interest to BOM
- Joint BOM DMS Policy Committee for Study of Institutional Differences in Postoperative Death Rates: 1968-1970
- Malpractice Claims Prevention: Proposed: 1969
- National Health Policy: Unreleased: 1969
- New Members of the Physician's Health Team: 1969-1970
- Nurse & Physician Education: 1970
- Proceedings
 - I: 1969
 - II: 1969
- Public Policy Paper: Proposed: Influenza: 1969
- Statements - Cardiac Transplantation in Man
 - Drafts & BOM Comments: 1968
 - Final: 1968
 - Letter to NIH Investigators & Responses: 1968
 - Requests & Inquiries: 1968-1970
 - Transmittal: 1968
 - Wangenstein Correspondence: 1968
 - General: 1968-1969
- Studies - Biomedical Education for Future
 - Background Papers
 - I & II: 1968
 - General: 1968
 - Beginning of Program: 1968

- Discussion at BOM Meeting: Jun, Nov 1968
- Meetings: 1968-1969
- Membership: 1968
- NIH Contract PH 43-64-44
 - Task Order 49: 1968
 - General: 1968-1969
- Panels
 - Education of Medical Scientists: 1968-1969
 - Executive: 1968-1969
 - Financing of Biomedical Education: 1968-1969
 - Graduate Medical Education: 1968-1969
 - Manpower Needs for Health Care Systems: 1968-1969
 - Membership Lists: 1968-1969
 - Premedical Education: 1968-1969
 - Responsibilities of Health Professional Schools in International Affairs: 1968-1969
 - Responsibilities of Medical Schools in Provision of Health Services: 1968-1969
 - Undergraduate Medical Education: 1968
 - Untapped Manpower Resources for Biology & Medicine: 1968-1969
 - General: 1968
- Planning Phase Report & Study Proposal: 1969
- Proposals
 - Physician's View of Education & Career: 1969
 - NIH: 1968
 - 1969
 - General: 1968-1969
- Reorganization & End of Program: 1968-1969
- Report: Table of Contents: Proposed: 1968
- General: 1968-1969
- Studies - Contrasts in Health Status
 - Background [Proposed Study on Health & the Disadvantaged]: 1968
 - Budget: 1969-1970
 - Components: Infant & Perinatal Mortality: 1969
 - Funding
 - Carnegie Corp: 1968-1970
 - General: 1969-1970
 - Meetings: 1968-1969
 - Membership: 1968-1969
 - Prospectus: 1969
 - General: 1968-1970

Series 3: National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Proposed

Contains records pertaining to the proposal to establish a National Academy of Medicine. Includes correspondence, meeting minutes, proposals, position papers, and press clippings.

1.1 FILES

- Call for Establishment of NAM: 1964-1967

- Committee for Exploration of Formation of NAM
 - Meetings: 1967
 - General: 1966-1967
- NAS Council Meetings
 - 20 Jul 1969
 - Report: 7 Jun 1969
 - General: 7 Jun 1969
 - 29 Mar 1969
- Organizational Meetings: 1967
- Panel on Further Institutional Forms
 - Meetings: 9-10 Sept 1969
 - Meetings: 30 Apr 1969
 - Meetings: Background Material: 24 Feb 1969
 - Meetings: General: 24 Feb 1969
 - Meetings: 18 Nov 1968
 - Meetings: General: 1968
 - Report: 1969
 - General: 1968-1969
- Position Papers & Correspondence: 1967-1969
- Press Coverage & Editorials: 1964-1970
- Proposal
 - May 1969
 - Drafts & Comments: 1969
- Relationship to NAS: 1969-1970
- Survey of Professionals on Need for NAM: 1968
- General: 1967-1970

Series 4: Institute of Medicine (IOM)

Contains records pertaining to the establishment of the Institute of Medicine.

1.1 FILES

- Constitution & Bylaws: Draft: 1970
- Disposition of Papers Relating to Origin of IOM: 1971-1974
- Establishment: 1969-1970
- Funding: 1970
- Relationship to NAS & NRC Division of Medical Sciences: 1970

Series 5: Subject Files

Contains materials from or about outside organizations and individuals documenting their relationship to BOM. Also includes materials documenting relationship of BOM to units of the NAS-NRC.

1.1 FILES

- American College of Cardiology: 1968
- American Hospital Association: 1968
- American Medical Association (AMA): 1968

- Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) [McNulty M]: 1968-1969
- Committee on Review of NRC: 1969-1970
- Commonwealth Fund: 1968
- Engel A: 1968-1969
- Health & Biomedical Planning Institute (HABPI)
 - Proposed: 1967-1969
- NAE: 1967
- National Center for Health Statistics
 - Health Interview Survey: 1969
- NRC
 - Division of Behavioral Sciences (BS): 1967-1968
 - Division of Biology & Agriculture (B&A)
 - Food & Nutrition Board (FNB): 1968
 - Division of Medical Sciences (DMS): 1968-1969
 - General: 1968
- Rousselot L: Proposal for Uniformed Services Medical Academy: 1968
- Southern Society for Clinical Investigations: 1969
- Student American Medical Association: 1969
- United Nations (UN): 1969