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## Descriptive Summary

**Repository:** Lamar Soutter Library, Office of Medical History and Archives  
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**Creator:** Robert W. Finberg

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**Abstract:** The Robert W. Finberg Papers chronicle Dr. Finberg's career as a physician, researcher, teacher, and administrator at UMass Chan Medical School.

**Access Restrictions:** Access to some of this collection is unrestricted, however a substantial portion of it is restricted. Access to restricted material is at the discretion of the Archivist and may be requested by completing a "Restricted Records Access Request" form.

**Preferred Citation:** The proper citation format for any item from this collection is:

Robert W. Finberg Papers, UMass Chan Medical School Archives, Lamar Soutter Library,  
UMass Chan Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Processing Information:** This collection was processed by Kristine M. Sjostedt, 2024.

**Biographical Note:** Robert W. Finberg was born in Baltimore, Maryland and raised in Tarrytown, New York. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and his medical degree, with Alpha Omega Alpha honors, from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Finberg completed his internal medicine residency at the New York University School of Medicine, an Infectious Disease Fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and his post-doctoral studies at Harvard University. He was an internationally renowned physician-scientist, infectious disease researcher, and teacher whose career spanned more than four decades. Prior to joining UMass Chan Medical School in 1999, Dr. Finberg was professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief of infectious disease at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. At UMass Chan he was chair of the Department of Medicine for twenty-one years, directing the clinical, educational, and research activities of the largest academic department, while still caring for patients in the hospital.

Dr. Finberg's research was funded by the National Institutes of Health for over forty years and appeared in more than 300 publications. He was widely recognized as an expert on influenza and Sars-CoV2. He was awarded research grants from the Department of Defense and the Defense

Advanced Research Projects Agency among other agencies. Dr. Finberg was key to the development, testing, and implementation of novel therapies for patients with influenza and SARS-CoV-2 infection. He helped lead clinical trials for SARS-CoV-2 therapeutics and vaccines during the Covid-19 pandemic. An ardent public health advocate, Dr. Finberg served on many state and federal committees to stop the spread of Covid-19 during the pandemic. A citation honoring Dr. Finberg was entered into the Congressional Record of the United States in 2021.

Dr. Finberg served as a member of the Board of Trustees of UMass Memorial Health from 2012 to 2021. He advocated for faculty and staff development and oversaw three residency and fellowship training programs in over 16 specialty and sub-specialty programs. He met with every residency applicant and was a mentor to many students, residents, and faculty.

Dr. Finberg was an avid reader who traveled widely with family and friends, including a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Dr. Finberg died suddenly in 2021, leaving his wife, Dr. Joyce Fingerroth, three daughters, and three grandchildren.

**Scope and Content:** This collection documents Dr. Finberg's career as a physician, researcher, teacher, and administrator at UMass Chan Medical School. The collection consists of correspondence, reports, and other documents, as well as audio/visual materials.

**Series and Subseries in the Collection:** This collection is arranged in six series, one of which is further arranged into two subseries. The series are as follows:

Series 1: Biographical/Personal

Series 2: Reports

Series 3: Correspondence

Series 4: Faculty/Medical Staff Recruitments & Appointments

Series 5: Grand Rounds

Series 6: Department/Divisions/Boards

Series 7: Research Studies/Protocols

Series 8: Audio/Visual

Subseries 1: Photographs

Subseries 2: CDs

Series 9: Artifacts

## Box 1

Series 1: Biographical/Personal

1. Citation: Congressional Record, Vol. 167, No. 207, December 1, 2021: official copy from United States Senator Edward J. Markey's office.
2. Reappointment: 1986-1999: *Access Restricted*
3. Reappointments, credentialing: 1988-2011: *Access Restricted*
4. Reappointments, credentialing: 1988-2011: *Access Restricted*
5. Reappointments, credentialing: 1988-2011: *Access Restricted*
6. Reappointments, credentialing: 1999-2001: *Access Restricted*
7. Reappointments, credentialing: 2002-2006: *Access Restricted*
8. Reappointments, credentialing: 2004-2013: *Access Restricted*
9. Reappointments, credentialing: 2016-2019: *Access Restricted*
10. Reappointment: 2020: *Access Restricted*
11. Registration renewals: 1983, 1987, 1990: *Access Restricted*
12. Registration renewals: 1989-1992: *Access Restricted*
13. Registration renewals: 1996-2002: *Access Restricted*
14. Insurance provider enrollments: 1989: *Access Restricted*

15. Conflict of interest disclosures: 2002-2005: *Access Restricted*
16. Certificate: Continuing medical education: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Medical School: 1990-1992
17. Certificate: Continuing professional education; Correspondence: 2009-2017
18. Certificate: Clinical Research Coordinator Training: 2015

#### Series 2: Reports

19. Quarterly Report of Research Funding Services, FY 2008, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, July 1, 2007-September 30, 2007: *Access Restricted*
20. Research Core Facilities 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report, FY 2010
21. Research Core Facilities 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report, FY 2010
22. Research Core Facilities 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report, FY 2010
23. Research Core Facilities Year End Reports, FY 2010
24. Research Core Facilities 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report, FY 2011
25. Research Core Facilities 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report, FY 2011

#### Series 3: Correspondence

26. Correspondence: Worcester County Food Bank: 2008-2013
27. Correspondence: 2009: *Access Restricted*
28. Correspondence: January-March 2010: *Access Restricted*
29. Correspondence: April-December 2010: *Access Restricted*
30. Correspondence: 2011: *Access Restricted*
31. Correspondence: 2012: *Access Restricted*
32. Correspondence: 2013: *Access Restricted*
33. Correspondence: 2014: *Access Restricted*
34. Correspondence: 2015: *Access Restricted*
35. Correspondence: 2016: *Access Restricted*
36. Correspondence: 2017: *Access Restricted*
37. Correspondence: 2019-2020: *Access Restricted*
38. Correspondence: 2021

#### Box 2

##### Series 4: Faculty/Medical Staff Recruitments & Appointments

1. Department Chair: 2019-2020: *Access Restricted*
2. Haidack Chair: 1988, 2000
3. Appointments: 2006: *Access Restricted*
4. Appointments: 2007: *Access Restricted*
5. Appointments: 2008: *Access Restricted*
6. Appointments: 2008: *Access Restricted*
7. Appointments: 2010: *Access Restricted*
8. Appointments: 2011: *Access Restricted*
9. Reappointments: 2006: *Access Restricted*
10. Reappointments: 2006: *Access Restricted*
11. Reappointments: 2006: *Access Restricted*
12. Reappointments: 2007: *Access Restricted*

13. Reappointments: 2007: *Access Restricted*
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16. Reappointments: 2008: *Access Restricted*
17. Reappointments: 2008: *Access Restricted*
18. Reappointments: 2008: *Access Restricted*
19. Reappointments: 2008: *Access Restricted*
20. Reappointments: 2008: *Access Restricted*
21. Faculty Candidate: 2008: *Access Restricted*

Series 5: Grand Rounds

22. Application Information: 2008-2009: *Access Restricted*
23. Application Information: 2008-2009
24. Application Information: 2009-2011
25. Application Information: 2012-2013
26. Application Information: 2013-2014
27. Sign-in Sheets: 2010

Series 6: Departments/Divisions/Boards

28. Department of Medicine: Budget: 2016: *Access Restricted*
29. Department of Medicine: Faculty Meeting: 2018
30. Department of Medicine: Course: 2014
31. Division of Geriatric Medicine: Meeting Minutes: 2008, 2010: *Access Restricted*
32. Division of Diabetes: 2006, 2008

**Box 3**

Departments/Divisions/Board, (continued)

1. Office of Continuing Medical Education: 2009-2010
2. UMMHC/UMMMC Board of Trustees: 2012
3. Medical Group: 2008
4. Intercompany Transfers: 2014
5. Space: 2014
6. Department of Medicine: House staff roster: 2009-2010: *Access Restricted*
7. Division of Pulmonary Medicine: 2006

Series 7: Research Studies/Protocols

8. Influenza: 2012-2013
9. Influenza meeting: 2013
10. Influenza: 2012: *Access Restricted*
11. Influenza: 2013: *Access Restricted*
12. Harvey Lodish cookbook

**Box 4**

Series 8: Audio/Visual

Subseries 1: Photographs

1. Lazare Building Construction
2. Lazare Building: 2000/2001
3. Lazare Building: 2001
4. Lazare Building Construction: 2000

5. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: 2000
6. Lazare Building Construction: 1998
7. Lazare Building: 2000

Subseries 2: CDs

1. Farewell Party: Dr. Androphy: July 12, 2010

**Box 5**

Series 9: Artifacts

1. White lab coat belonging to Dr. Finberg
2. Medal awarded to Dr. Finberg by The Hudson Hoagland Society