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University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

## Medical Museum

# Discover Our Past

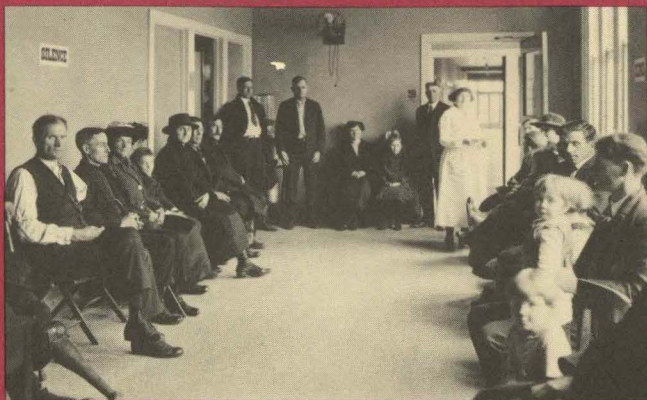
Hospital bus, battery-operated, circa 1920.



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# Welcome



Waiting room, Children's Hospital, 1919.

## ■ PHASE I—MEDICAL MUSEUM

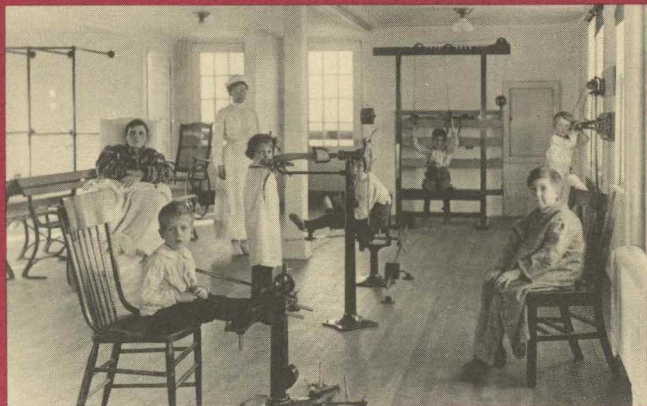
What was it like to be a patient at the first University Hospital 90 years ago? What was it like to live in an iron lung? Have you ever used a stethoscope or looked through a microscope?

Imagine being a nurse in 1920 and traveling to the new Children's Hospital across the river by the battery-powered "hospital bus," filled to capacity with other nurses, doctors, and nursing and medical students!

Plans for the historical first phase of the Medical Museum began in 1982 with the gift of the Wilcox surgical instruments, donated by Miss Phoebe Wilcox. Her grandfather, Dr. Vinton S. Wilcox, was a member of the fourth graduating class of The University of Iowa College of Medicine.

Perhaps this walk into the past will stimulate your interest and curiosity for the future; to understand what your grandparents experienced in health care 50 years ago and then to imagine what your grandchildren can expect at University Hospitals 50 years from now.

Orthopaedic gymnasium, Children's Hospital, circa 1919.

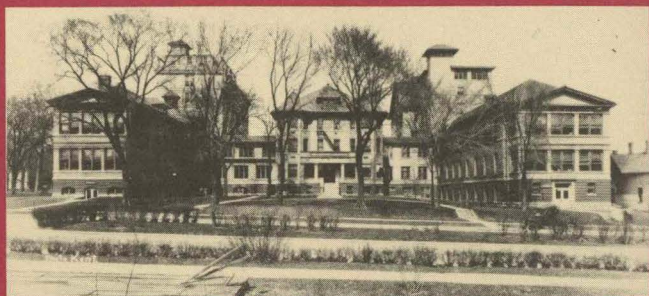


## ■ A BRIEF HISTORY—UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

The first University Hospital, with 100 beds, was opened in a three-story brick building on the University's east campus in 1898. By 1914, the hospital had grown to 240 beds and cared for nearly 2,000 clinic patients annually. In 1915 and 1919, two historic laws were enacted to extend University Hospitals' mission to offer health care to all Iowans, regardless of their ability to pay, while serving as the site for clinical training of doctors and nurses and as a center for medical research.

In 1928, a new 700-bed General Hospital opened at the current site. Since then, University Hospitals has steadily expanded its services, professional staff, and facilities to meet the health care needs of Iowans.

The commitment to excellence and service to Iowans that has marked our progress remains at the core of our service to ensure that, as we enter the twenty-first century, University Hospitals will remain a center of hope and comfort for all Iowans.



First University Hospital, 1920.

## ■ PATIENT & VISITOR ACTIVITIES CENTER

The newly opened Patient and Visitor Activities Center consolidates and coordinates cultural and educational support services into one convenient facility for use by patients, visitors, and staff. These services include Activities Therapy, Medical Museum, Patients' Library, Project Art, Patient and Guest Relations, and the Volunteer Program. Their shared goals are to contribute to the recovery and rehabilitation of patients, to humanize the hospital setting, and to offer educational diversions for patients and visitors. The center includes a patient and visitor lounge and a multipurpose room for films, video, performances, seminars, conferences, lectures, and religious services.



Nurses and infants in solarium, Children's Hospital, 1920.

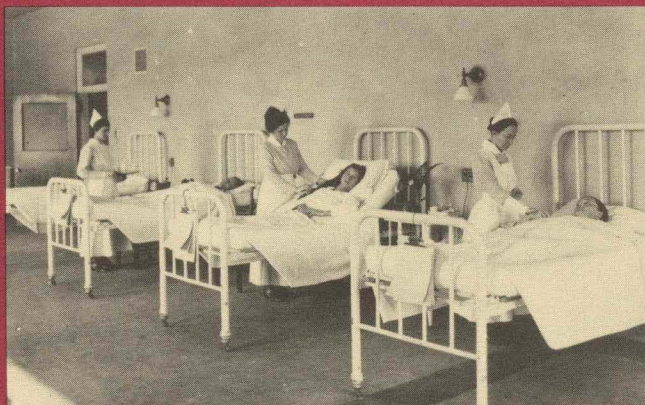
## ■ FUTURE EXHIBITIONS and PHASE II-MEDICAL MUSEUM

The Medical Museum's permanent and rotating exhibits will be augmented with special traveling exhibits from the National Institutes of Health and other prestigious health-related museums and foundations.

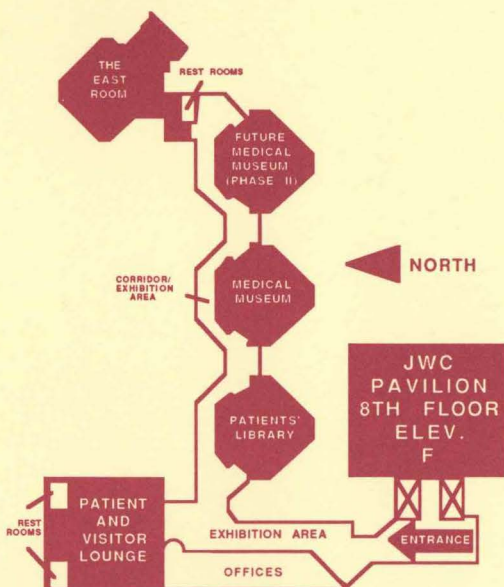
Plans have already begun for the second phase of the Medical Museum, which will focus on contemporary issues in medicine and health education and the explanation of advanced medical technology through interactive exhibitions and demonstrations.

Collectively, the two phases will illustrate University Hospitals past; advances in medical knowledge and technology; the dramatic growth in new services; and the humanistic concerns related to these changes.

Women's ward, University Hospital, circa 1925.



## PATIENT AND VISITOR ACTIVITIES CENTER



### ■ LOCATION

The Medical Museum is located in the Patient and Visitor Activities Center, eighth floor, John W. Coloton Pavilion. Take elevator F at the first floor atrium of the Colloton Pavilion.

### ■ HOURS AND TOURS

The Medical Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tours and special arrangements may be made by contacting Adrienne Drapkin, Director, 319/356-7106.

### ■ GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Much of our collection has come as a result of the generosity of University Hospitals physicians, physician and nurse alumni of The University of Iowa, their families, and other health professionals.

We welcome your gifts and donations. Contributions can be made to The University of Iowa Foundation, c/o Medical Museum, Alumni Center, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

All programs and exhibitions are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Adrienne Drapkin, Director, Medical Museum, 319/356-7106.





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