

Publications on fluoridation

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: Fluoridation of public water supplies to promote dental health in the United States began in 1945 and was endorsed by the American Dental Association in 1950. The collection includes pamphlets, reprints, reports, and correspondence evaluating and promoting fluoridation of water created from 1947-1962. Many of the materials in the collection were produced by the ADA.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection was created by Medical Historical Library staff. Provenance of items in the collection is unknown.

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

The American Dental Association (ADA) was formed in 1859 in Niagara Falls, New York to promote good dental health. The headquarters of the organization are located in Chicago, Illinois. The ADA lobbies for policies related to dental care, provides accreditation for dental care professionals, and tests and endorses dental products.

Fluoridation of public water supplies to promote dental health in the United States began in 1945. The ADA endorsed the fluoridation of water in 1950, after which they began producing printed materials supporting the practice.

Scope and Contents

Fluoridation of public water supplies to promote dental health in the United States began in 1945 and was endorsed by the American Dental Association in 1950. The collection includes pamphlets, reprints, reports, and correspondence evaluating and promoting fluoridation of water created from 1947-1962.

Series I. includes materials produced by the ADA and other organizations between 1951-1953. Materials in this series were organized by library staff at an unknown time.

Series II. includes materials produced by the ADA in 1953 or later and materials produced by other organizations between 1947-1962. Materials in this series include items organized by the library in 1953 and additional items removed from undescribed public health collections in 2024.

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Series I: American Dental Association 1953 information packet, 1951–1953

b. 1, f. 1	American Dental Association, <i>Why your dentist recommends fluoridation</i> . Chicago, Illinois, 1952.	1952
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b. 1, f. 3	American Dental Association, <i>Fluoridation facts: answers to criticism of fluoridation</i> . Chicago, Illinois, 1953.	1953
b. 1, f. 4	American Dental Association, <i>Fluoridation in the prevention of dental caries</i> , second edition. Chicago, Illinois, 1953.	1953
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b. 1, f. 8	American Medical Association, <i>Fluoridation of drinking water harmless: statement by the American Medical Association</i> , reprinted from <i>The Journal of the American Dental Association</i> , vol. 43. 1951.	1951
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b. 1, f. 16	Furnas, J.C., <i>The magic of fluorine: the new way to reduce tooth decay</i> . New York City, New York: American Dental Association, circa 1953.	circa 1953
b. 1, f. 17	Heyroth, Francis F., <i>Toxicological evidence for the safety of the fluoridation of public water supplies</i> , reprinted from <i>American Journal of Public Health</i> , vol. 42, no. 12. New York City, New York: American Public Health Association, Inc., 1952.	1952
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b. 1, f. 19	Johnson, Dorothy M., <i>Can we give our children better teeth?</i> . American Dental Association, 1953.	1953
b. 1, f. 20	Lee, Henry, <i>A sure way to reduce tooth decay</i> , <i>Pageant</i> , May 1953. Hillman Periodicals, Inc., 1953.	1953
b. 1, f. 21	National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, Division of Medical Sciences, <i>Report of the ad hoc committee on fluoridation of water supplies</i> . Washington, D.C., 1952.	1952
b. 1, f. 22	Phair, W. Philip, Marian F. Driscoll, <i>The status of fluoridation programs in the United States, its territories and possessions</i> , reprinted from <i>The Journal of the American Dental Association</i> , vol. 45. 1952.	1952

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b. 1, f. 39	National Security Agency, Food and Drug Administration, <i>Fluorides in foods</i> . Washington, D.C., 1952. Includes data prepared by the National Canners Association.	1952
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Dental care -- United States

Dental public health

Public health

Water -- Fluoridation