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**TITLE:** Félix Martí-Ibáñez papers

**DATES:** 1935-1977

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 137.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of professional and personal correspondence, manuscripts, articles and essays, research materials, copies of his published works, administrative files of MD Publications and miscellaneous biographical and professional materials. These papers form part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Verna Sabelle, 1980, 1984.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Separated Materials

Correspondence from Josefina Martí de Barrera (sister of Martí-Ibáñez) was returned to the donor, June 2003.

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## Biographical / Historical

Félix Martí-Ibáñez (1915-1972): physician, editor; M.D., U. Madrid; general director of public health and social services, Catalonia, Spain, 1937, and then Undersecretary of Public Health and Social Services for Spain; director of wartime health education, Catalonia, 1937-1938; medical director Winthrop Products, Inc., N.Y., 1942-1946, and of E.R. Squibb & Sons, 1946-1950; founded MD Publications in 1950; professor and director of history of medicine department, NY Medical College-Flower Fifth Avenue Hospitals, NY.

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## Scope and Contents

The Félix Martí-Ibáñez Papers date from 1935 until 1977 and consist of correspondence, writings, research and teaching material, lectures, photographs, audio tape recordings, and awards of Martí-Ibáñez. Also included are the administrative files of MD Publications.

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b. 100	Reviews of books written or edited by Martí-Ibáñez	
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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.

### Preferred Titles

*Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy  
Collection*  
*MD; medical newsmagazine*

### Subjects

Physicians  
Physicians -- Biography  
Public health

### Names

Martí-Ibáñez, Félix, 1915-1972