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[**Raffaele Lattes Papers**](#)

LATTES, RAFFAELE, 1910-2003.

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.2 cubic feet (1 box and 1 folder)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Raffaele Lattes, a leading US surgical pathologist, was born in Turin, Italy, on May 22, 1910. He received his medical degree from the University of Turin in 1933 and then did further training in pathology and surgery.

In the wake of the enactment of Italian anti-Semitic laws, Lattes immigrated to the US in 1940. After a short time as an instructor at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, he was appointed an instructor in surgery and resident in surgical pathology at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center where he remained for the rest of his career. At Columbia he studied with the renowned surgical pathologist, Arthur Purdy Stout, and succeeded him as Director, Division of Surgical Pathology, in 1951. Lattes did significant research on wound healing and was considered a leading expert on tumors of the soft tissues. He was considered an outstanding teacher and trained many of the next generation of American surgical pathologists.

Lattes retired in 1978 as a professor of surgery but remained active in teaching and research until returning to Italy in the late 1990s. He died on May 28, 2003 in Turin.

Biographical note based on materials in the Lattes biographical file held by Archives & Special Collections.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Lattes papers are made up largely of photographs but also include correspondence, newspaper clippings and other printed material, and certificates. The photographs largely consist of images of scientific conferences, and formal and informal shots of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center's Division of Surgical Pathology staff. Although there are no formal portraits of Lattes in these papers, he appears in many of the images.

ARRANGEMENT: Arranged in three series: 1. Documents; 2. Photographs; 3. Oversize Materials.

LANGUAGE: English, Italian.

ACCESS: Open without restrictions.

PROVENANCE: Gift of Conrad Lattes, grandson, 1999 (accession #99.06.10).

LC Subjects

Lattes, Raffaele, 1910-
Pathology – Study and teaching.
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Pathologists.
Certificates.
Photographs.

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**Raffaele Lattes
Papers, 1954-1996**

Box Folder Contents

Series 1: Documents

1	1	University of Bari, <i>Bollettino Ufficiale</i> , January, 1955, with letter to Lattes from Prof. Italo Rizzi, undated
	2	Correspondence, 1980-1987
	3	Colombian Cancer Society meeting, 1956: travel documents
	4	Dinner program, "In Honor of Four Columbia Pathologists," Century Association, December 7, 1973
	5	Newspaper clippings, 1959, 1962

Series 2: Photographs

Sub-Series 2.1: Conferences/Meetings

6	American Society of Clinical Pathologists, 1983
7	American Society of Clinical Pathologists, 1988
8	Bari, Italy, 1954
9	Beirut, April 1955
10	Colombian Cancer Society, July 1956
11	Geneva, June, 1959
12	World Health Organization, Tokyo, October, 1966
13	Unidentified, 1960s-1996

Sub-Series 2.2: Division of Surgical Pathology, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

14	Group portraits of staff & residents, 1962, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1984 and Undated
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Box	Folder	Contents
1	15	Casual shots, 1950s-1980s
Sub-Series 2.3: Miscellaneous / Other		
16		Miscellaneous photographs, 1950s-1970s
17		Slides, 1970s
18		Negatives: portrait of Lattes, probably 1964

Series 3: Oversize Materials [housed in Oversize Materials (19" x 15"), Box 2, folder 4]

1 folder: Certificates and photographs, 1950s-1980s