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Wendy Chavkin Papers

CHAVKIN, WENDY.

Wendy Chavkin papers, 1980-1993 (bulk 1984-1989)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Wendy Chavkin is a physician specializing in obstetrics/gynecology and public health. She was educated at the University of Michigan (B.A., public health, 1973), the State University of New York (M.D., 1978) and Columbia University (M.A., epidemiology, 1981). Chavkin did residencies at Albert Einstein (Ob/Gyn) and the New York City Department of Health (Preventive Medicine) and was a Public Service Science Fellow at the National Science Foundation.

Chavkin served as Director, Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning, at the New York City Department of Health, 1984-1989. From 1985, she was on the faculty of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and Mailman School of Public Health in the Departments of Obstetrics/Gynecology and Population and Family Health. She is currently a professor emerita. She has written numerous scientific papers and has been principal investigator on many research projects involving women's health.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Correspondence, reports, committee minutes, and other materials documenting Chavkin's tenure as Director, Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning, New York City Department of Health, 1984-1989. The papers cover a wide variety of maternal health issues including abortion, birth control, drug use and pregnancy, cesarean sections, infant mortality rates, and surrogate motherhood (especially the "Baby M" case).

LANGUAGE: English.

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Subjects

New York (N.Y.). Department of Health. Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning.
Abortion – New York (State) – New York.
Family planning – New York (State) – New York.
Infants – Mortality – New York (State) – New York.
Maternal health services – New York (State) – New York.
Pregnancy.
Surrogate motherhood.
Women's health services.

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1	1	Abortion: General	1980-1988
1	2	Abortion: Guidelines	1985-1987
1	3	Abortion related anesthesia deaths	1985-1987, 1993
1	4	Affirmative Action/EOO	1986-1988
1	5	AIDS Task Force: Minutes, reports	1986-1987
1	6	Birth Certificate Validation Study	[1980s?]
1	7	Bureau of Maternity Services: General correspondence	1984-1988
1	8	Cesarean sections	1987-1988
1	9	Condom campaign	1986-1988
1	10	Drug use and pregnancy	1987-1989
1	11	Hospital-specific standardized neonatal mortality rates: Reports, statistics	1986
1	12	Hotel residents: Births, deaths	1984-1987
1	13	Infant mortality, Central Harlem	1986-1988
1	14	Neonatal mortality surveillance system	1986
1	15	Neural tube defects	circa 1983
2	1	Obstetrical Advisory Committee, Sub-Committee on Drug Use in Pregnancy: Minutes	1987-1988
2	2	Obstetrical Advisory Committee: Members	circa 1980s
2	3	Perinatal Advisory Committee, New York State Dept of Health	1988
2	4	Surrogate motherhood/Baby M Case	1986-1987