
Guide to the Southeast Asian Genetics Program Records

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Organizational History

In 1984 the Southeast Asian Genetics Program (SEAGEP) was established to identify services for Southeast Asian communities concerning birth defects and developmental disabilities, and conduct community and cross-cultural education. It was a four-year program funded by the Federal Bureau of Maternal and Child Health (MCH), a division of the Department of Health and Human Services. SEAGEP existed longer than its original grant cycle due to the continued support of MCH and other organizations. SEAGEP was directed by Kenneth W. Dumars and coordinated and administered by faculty and staff from the Division of Development Disabilities and Clinical Genetics, a University Affiliated Program at University of California, Irvine.

At the time of SEAGEP's establishment, the growing Southeast Asian communities consisted predominately of refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and members of the Cham ethnic group. Many of these groups resettled in Orange and south Los Angeles counties.

A persistent language and cultural barrier between Western-educated medical practitioners and their Southeast Asian patients became apparent. Western practitioners also had little information regarding the cultures and medical histories of Southeast Asian populations. Therefore, SEAGEP worked with Southeast Asian communities as well as the practitioners who would be serving these communities through seminars, bilingual literature, cooperative efforts with other public health organizations, and the production of a video, *Southeast Asia: The Land, The People, and The Culture*. SEAGEP also collected much-needed data and conducted intensive research regarding thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder common to the Mediterranean and Asian regions, and other prevalent genetic blood disorders.

As reflected in a pamphlet printed in 1987, SEAGEP more specifically sought to achieve the following goals:

- Identify specific needs and concerns of members of the SEA communities regarding birth defects, development disabilities, and inherited disorders.
- Increase education and awareness in the SEA communities regarding the availability and appropriate use of medical services.
- Investigate the incidence and prevalence of specific inherited disorders within SEA communities.
- Provide SEA medical services to SEA families affected with a congenital or inherited condition.
- Increase the use of available community resources by SEA families.
- Educate those who provide medical and counseling services to SEA cultures.

By 1991, SEAGEP had dissolved due to lack of grant funding.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement

The collection materials are arranged alphabetically by document type, then filed topically. Except as noted, contents of folders are arranged chronologically. Audiovisual materials are arranged by format (VHS and U-matic), and then alphabetically by title.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

University of California, Irvine. Southeast Asian Genetics Program--Archives.

Thalassemia--Archival resources.

Refugees--Vietnam--Archival resources.

Refugees--Cambodia--Archival resources.

Refugees--California--Orange County--Archival resources.

Refugees--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.

Vietnamese Americans--California--Archival resources.

Traditional medicine--Archival resources.

Abnormalities, Human--Archival resources.

Refugee camps--Asia, Southeastern--Archival resources.

Cham (Southeast Asian people)--Archival resources.

Asia, Southeastern--Emigration and immigration--Archival resources.

California, Southern--Emigration and immigration--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material

Video recordings--20th century.

Occupations

Medical research personnel.

Health care personnel.

Index Terms Related to this Collection

University of California, Irvine. Southeast Asian Genetics Program.

Online Archive of California.

Related Material

This collection is supplemented by materials in the SEA Archive's newspaper clippings vertical file.

Box 1 : 1-4 **Correspondence, manuscripts, and notes**

Box 1 : 1 **Notes on Thalassemia and Council of Regional Networks for Genetic Service (CORN), 1994-1995.**

Scope and Content Note

Also includes 1990 Thalassemia conference proceedings manuscript and materials; original order of contents left intact.

Box 1 : 2 **Proceedings from the 1990 *Thalassemia in Asian Americans : working together* conference, 1990-1992.**

Scope and Content Note

Materials include 1990 report on refugee demographics in California.

Box 1 : 3 **Submission to *Journal of the American Medical Association and the Western Journal of Medicine* by SEAGEP, 1991**

Box 1 : 4 ***Thalassemia* video production materials, 1987-1990**

Box 1 : 5-11 **Data, research notes, and surveys**

Box 1 : 5 **"Barts hemoglobin" newborn study test data, 1986-1987**

- Box 1 : 6-7 **Birth defects data gathered by Dr. Le Dao, M.D, 1980-1988.**
- Physical Description:** 2 folders.
- Box 1 : 8 **California immigration and birth data, 1982-1990**
- Box 1 : 9 **Survey and pathology reports from Thalassemia community, 1986-1987**
- Box 1 : 10 **Survey results from UCI Medical Center's Southeast Asian patients, 1986-1987.**
- Scope and Content Note**
- Includes speech written for the Southeast Asian medical symposium.
- Box 1 : 11 **Thalassemia and hydrops fatalis research, Orange County and Long Beach areas, 1990**

- Box 1 : 12-17 **Grant applications**
- Box 1 : 12 **March of Dimes and supporting material, 1987**
- Box 1 : 13-17 **Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and supporting material, 1984-1989.**
- Physical Description:** 5 folders.

- Box 1 : 18 - 2 : 3 **Literature, including clippings and other publications**
- Box 1 : 18 **Cham people and culture, 1967-1989, predominant 1982-1989.**
- Scope and Content Note**
- Includes undated publications.

- Box 2 : 1 **SEAGEP abstracts, publications, and supporting materials, 1985-1987**
- Box 2 : 2-3 **Southeast Asian community, 1971-1996, predominant 1981-1996.**
- Physical Description:** 2 folders.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Includes undated publications.

Videocassettes, U-matic

- Box 3 : ***House of the spirit: perspectives on Cambodian health care* , produced by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), 1985**
- MS-SEA018-V07
- Box 3 : ***Peace has not been made: a Hmong family's encounter with a U.S. hospital* , produced by John Finck & Doua Yang, Rhode Island Office of Refugee Resettlement, approximately**
- MS-SEA017-V08
- Box 3 : ***Second lives: the shaping of a multi-ethnic community* produced by Videovision Corp., Orange County, CA**
- MS-SEA017-V09
- Box 3 : ***Thalassemia*, produced by SEAGEP 1987.**
- MS-SEA017-V10 /
- V13 **Physical Description:** 4 videocassettes.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Cambodian, Hmong, Laos, and Vietnamese versions.

Videocassettes, VHS

- Box AV-5 : ***Hepatitis B- the invisible threat*, produced by Cityscope 21, Long Beach, California, circa 1984-circa1991**
- MS-SEA017-V01
- Box AV-5 : ***The people of the shining path*, circa 1984-circa1991**
- MS-SEA017-V02
- Box AV-7 : ***Southeast Asia: the land, the people, and the cultures* , produced by SEAGEP, 1987**
- MS-SEA017-V03

Box AV-7 : **Researcher use copy, circa 1987**

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Box AV-7 : ***Thalassemia.***

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V06

Physical Description: 3 videocassettes.

Scope and Content Note

Includes 2 early versions and edited master of the final version dated 1998.