



**THE HENKEL  
PHYSICIANS**  
α **FAMILY'S LIFE** *in* **LETTERS**



*The Henkel Physicians: A Family's Life in Letters* offers a glimpse into the daily lives of men of medicine in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. While it documents the working lives of physicians, it also illuminates social and home life and how one family experienced the Civil War. Covering more than a century of life in the Shenandoah Valley during which four members of the remarkable Henkel family practiced in the same area, this exhibition features a selection of writings that vividly illustrate the writer's personality and their experiences as physicians. The letters cover local events, professional jealousies, the national crisis of the Civil war and finish with the dramatic testimony of the Henkel physicians in a murder trial.

The History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine is pleased to provide you with this exceptional traveling exhibition. We hope that the following information will be helpful to you as you prepare for the exhibition's arrival and installation at your institution.

### **Exhibition Requirements**

The exhibit consists of six free-standing graphic panels and is transported in two plastic wheeled graphics tubes.

- 1) 500 square feet of floor space (minimum)
- 2) 2 people for unpacking and set-up
- 3) Safe, secure, indoor storage for exhibition travel containers - two plastic tubes with wheels - 46" H x 19" diameter each
- 4) Avoid display of the exhibit in an area with direct sunlight.
- 5) Please use latex gloves when installing the exhibition and be sure that your hands are clean when handling the panels without gloves.
- 6) Please complete the *Exhibition Survey* within two weeks of the closing of the exhibition and return to the National Library of Medicine, Exhibition Registrar.

- 7) Please provide the National Library of Medicine with copies of any publicity, advertising, or supplemental materials that are produced for the exhibition.
- 8) If possible, please provide digital images of your installation.

### **Exhibition Credit**

The following exhibition credit should appear in any materials and publicity produced in association with the exhibition:

**This exhibition was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health.**

### **What You Will Receive**

- 1) Two plastic graphics tubes each containing three cloth cylinders and three cloth bags.
- 2) Each cloth bag contains one metal base and one collapsible rod. This makes up the panel structure.
- 3) Each cloth cylinder contains one rolled graphic panel.
- 4) The exhibition does not come with lighting.

### **What To Expect**

- 1) Each plastic graphics tube has wheels to make it easier to transport to your exhibit space.
- 2) You should expect to spend about one to two hours setting up the exhibit from unpacking to complete installation.
- 3) You should have at least two people for set-up.
- 4) You should be prepared to weigh down the bases to increase stability of the panels, if necessary.

