NLM Film/Video Copying Procedures

The National Library of Medicine does not have the capacity to copy films and videos onsite; therefore, all copying is contracted out to an approved vendor. This vendor, George Blood LP, has been evaluated for their ability to handle historical films and magnetic tape, and to serve patrons of the Library.

To have a copy made of a film/videotape, contact the vendor directly to make arrangements (see accompanying form with vendor contact information). They will provide a price for the copying, which should include the cost for shipping NLM's original material to the vendor and back again. The Library does not charge patrons a service fee for copying, but does require that if digital files are produced, a copy of each file is donated to NLM, usually via a portable hard drive provided by the Library. If a title has been previously digitized and NLM holds copies of the digital files, we reserve the right to provide these files to patrons (at no charge), rather than permit additional processing or re-duplication of an original film or tape.

After the arrangements with the vendor have been made, both the User Agreement and the Restriction Notice must be filled out and mailed, faxed, or scanned/e-mailed to:

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History of Medicine Division
National Library of Medicine, Bldg 38
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894
301-827-4503
Fax: 301-402-7034
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Once the forms have been received, we will contact the patron to confirm the arrangements, then deliver the film(s) to the Historical Audiovisuals film technician, who creates a manifest and notifies NLM’s Preservation/Conservation section. Staff there will contact the vendor and arrange for the film(s) or tape(s) to be picked up.

After processing, the vendor will send the copy(ies) to the patron and return the originals to the Library.

If using an NLM-provided title in a production, please include the phrase: Courtesy National Library of Medicine.

Please contact us with questions.

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