THE TRUE HEART OF IT ALL

For the past two years, health-care professionals throughout the country have helped us through a pandemic, so healthcare issues are on the minds of many people. From Ohio’s first doctor, Samuel P. Hildreth and his efforts during the Great Epidemic Fever that visited the Ohio Valley in the 1820s, to Albert Sabin who developed the oral live polio vaccine, Ohioans have made waves in health care. Healthcare workers may be like Dr. Thomas Burton of Springfield or like nurses at the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor in Cincinnati, but they all have caring in common. You can follow the history of healthcare in Ohio in archival collections throughout the state.

1. A Columbus student is shown receiving a vaccination shot for smallpox using a jet injection gun in May 1970. Columbus Metropolitan Library.

2. The East Sixth Sunday, April 26, 1946. Thousands of schoolchildren in Cleveland received the first Sabin vaccine. Cleveland Children’s.


4. A nurse inoculates a boy with the polio vaccine at Deaconess Hospital in Cincinnati, 1952. Logan County Historical Society.

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