



tonsillectomy instruments

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Description: A set of instruments used for tonsillectomy, including a roll of piano wire from which the donor made his own snares; stored in a fabric drawstring pouch (t); contents are: (a-c) adenoid curettes; (d,e) adenotomes; (f) mouth gag; (g) tongue depressor; (h,i) vulsellum forceps; (j) tonsil snare; (k) replacement for (j) in a glass tube; (l) curved knife; (m) double-ended instrument; (n) tooth-edged instrument; (o) needle holder; (p) scissors; (q) sponge forceps; (r) lengths of piano wire in a glass tube; (s) piano wire in a roll.

Number Of Parts: 20

Provenance: Acquired from the Academy of Medicine; source: Dr. Maurice Miller.

Site Made (City): [\(d,l\) Chicago;](#)

Site Made (State): [\(a,b\) Pennsylvania; \(d,l\) Illinois;](#)

Site Made (Country): [\(a,b\) USA; \(c\) Germany; \(d\) USA; \(h,i\) Germany; \(l\) USA](#)

Dates: 1950
circa 1950

Material: metal: silver
fabric: grey
glass: clear

Permanent Location: Storage Room 0010
0010-E3-4

Condition Remarks: Mostly excellent; some plating wearing off some of the pieces, especially around the joints; for example, (f), (o), (p).

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Research Facts: Dr. Miller practised in the MOH, Frontenac County; in Timmins during WW II; and in Toronto, Mt. Sinai, from 1945 on; he was known for his obstetrical practice. Dr. Miller preferred the handle and feel of his own instruments, which he used instead of those available in the hospital; dislike disposable instruments; he performed many tonsillectomies in his career; while in Timmins, he participated in the tonsillectomy clinics organized by the Kiwanis, donating his time.

Images

