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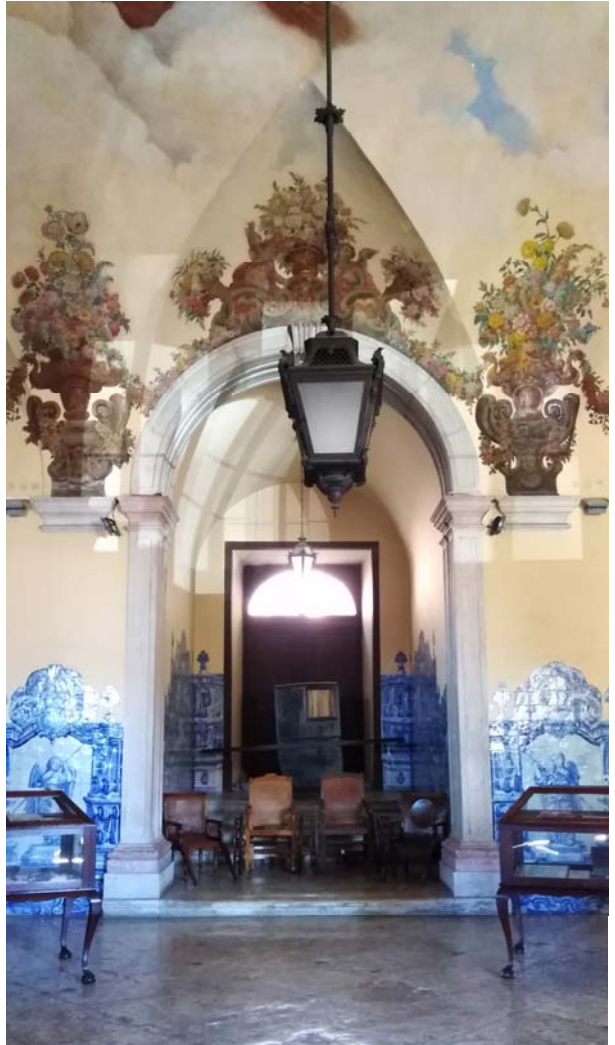
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SANTO ANTÃO-O-NOVO COLLEGE

The Hospital S. José's Library is situated on the Santo-Antão-o-Novo Jesuit College's second floor.

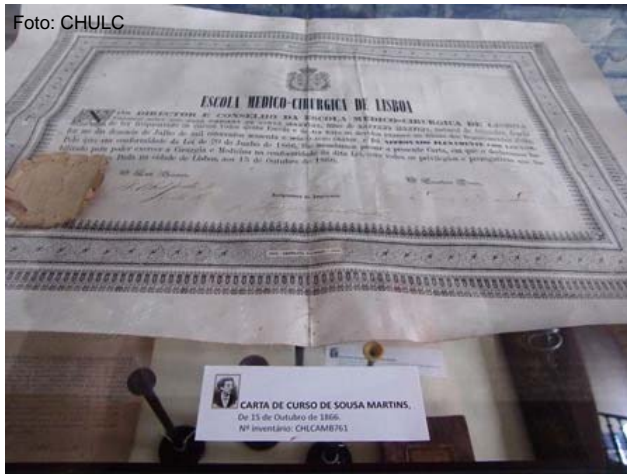
The access is through the atrium—decorated with tiles depicting scenes from the Old Testament—and a stone stairway, also tiled in blue and white valuable panels from the XVIII century, from where you can also access the Main Hall of this hospital unit.



MAIN HALL

On the landing before the Main Hall, is exhibited a small collection of objects that once belonged to Dr. Sousa Martins (1843-1897),

distinguished professor at the Escola Médico-Cirúrgica de Lisboa and doctor extraordinary of Hospital S. José.



His statue is in Campo Mártires da Pátria, facing the Nova Medical School.

This Hall – the “Aula da Esfera” – is decorated with blue and white tiles from the same period, depicting the several scientific studies of the time. It was also the College Board meeting room and the external students’ classroom, until 1759, when the Jesuits were expelled from Portugal.

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The Library possesses a singular and large medical periodical publications collection, not only in Portuguese, but also from Italy, USA, UK, besides historical documentation.

The Hospitais Civis' Steering Committee formally established the Hospital S. José's Historical Archive in 1916.

At that time, more than two thousand volumes and folders with deeds, donations, assets titles, and royal donations to the hospital done between 1500 to 1866 were separated and classified.

Those documents are, since, 1994, at the National Archive Torre do Tombo.

In the Library, you can also find a collection of medical thesis from the Escola Médico-Cirúrgica de Lisboa. These range from 1843 to 1926 and is a significant part of its greatest documentary wealth.

The thesis are by such medical personalities as Sousa Martins, Curry Cabral, Miguel Bombarda, Gregório Fernandes, Alfredo da Costa, José António Serrano, Beatriz Ângelo, among others.



In this archive is also a collection of about 70 volumes entitled “Episódios da Vida Médica”, compiled by the ophthalmologist Alfredo Félix de Sousa that includes press clippings about health and healthcare since 1881 to 1932. The articles range from events, experiences, healthcare services inaugurations, news pertaining to people that have distinguished themselves in the area. These are all scanned and are available to public consultation.

MODERN LIBRARY

Also, the surgeon Alberto MacBride's personal library is being transferred to this hospital from its current location, the Hospital Santa Marta. Alberto MacBride was part of the Hospital S. José's Library, Museum and Archive Founding Commission since its creation in 1939.

Hospital S. José's Library is not only an historical archive and memory, but also a living organism, connected online to its peers, national and international, in keeping with the spirit that presided over its creation: the update of knowledge in Healthcare.



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Is visited and used regularly by medical, nursing and technician staff, by students and medical researchers from our Hospital Centre and other institutions.



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