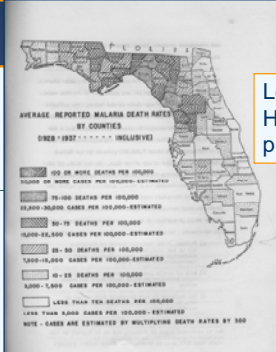


Health Care in Florida before the Health Science Center

Florida's population began to boom in the 1920s and continued to grow despite economic depression in the 1930s. Even with a growing population, a semi-tropical environment that presented unique health care challenges, Florida did not have a medical or dental school in the 1930s.



Left: 1939 Public Health pamphlet shows prevalence of malaria.



Nurses could receive some training in Florida. There were hospital training programs, such as the one pictured at Brewster Hospital in Jacksonville, and programs at Universities such as FSU and FAMU. FAMU's program was originally hospital based, becoming the first program in Florida to offer a baccalaureate in nursing in 1936.



Jacksonville hospitals also trained residents beginning in the 1920s.



The state did have a College of Pharmacy. Opening first as a school in 1923, the College of Pharmacy first served young men, later becoming one of the first of the University of Florida's Colleges to graduate women.



In the 1930s Jacksonville physician, and UF graduate, T.Z. Cason created a short course for practicing physicians. This weeklong course offered information on new knowledge and treatments. The course was held in Jacksonville, with credit offered through a Department of Medicine at the University of Florida's graduate school and through FAMU.

Photographs from a 1928 College brochure

