

## About

*A History of Total Health* invites you to join in a discussion of today's health care as we draw links to relevant events in the history of Kaiser Permanente and the industrial constellation under Henry J. Kaiser.

The blog takes its name from Kaiser Permanente founding physician Sidney R. Garfield's last research project "Total Health" which sought to understand and treat the body, mind, and spirit of our members.

Throughout his career, Garfield (1906-1984) wanted to build a system of care that focused on keeping people healthy in addition to caring for them when they get sick. His ideas resonated with industrialist Henry J. Kaiser (1882-1967) who was "greatly restless and restlessly great" for a new health care system. Together they founded Kaiser Permanente for the employees of Kaiser Industries in 1942, and opened the health plan to the public on July 21, 1945.



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