

[Babies Hospital case histories](#)

BABIES HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.)

Case Histories, 1932-1955.

2.75 cubic feet (8.5 document boxes)

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Typescripts of case histories from the Babies Hospital, 1933-1955. These records were excerpted from the patient records of the institution and used for teaching purposes, in particular Grand Rounds. Some of the cases included are drawn from other institutions, such as the New York Academy of Medicine and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and some include transcripts of letters from or conversations with physicians and surgeons at other institutions in New York and abroad.

The cases themselves appear to have been selected for one of three reasons: 1) as a small part of a larger study of particular conditions, such as congenital lack of bile ducts, diabetes mellitus, tuberculosis pleurisy, pertussis, and thyroid disorders, 2) examples of commonly-seen disorders such as feeding problems, pneumonia, pyloric stenosis, intusseception, foreign objects, burns, and accidental poisonings, and 3) examples of unusual conditions such as dwarfism, tumors, sexual-trauma induced narcolepsy, precocious puberty, hermaphroditism and adrenal gland disorders, and childhood schizophrenia.

All aspects of pediatric practice are represented, including neurological, developmental, psychological, and behavioral conditions, and there is significant evidence of cooperation between the Babies Hospital and the Neurological Institute of New York in terms of treating patients.

Many of the histories include photographs, which are most often nude studies, though there are some clothed portraits and collages of candid family photos. Photographic reproductions of x-rays are also included.

SELECTED SPECIAL CASES: The following cases were noted during processing as having potential for being of particular interest for researchers. This is not an exhaustive list, and in many instances other, similar cases can be found in the records.

Topic	Case Number(s)
Tay-Sachs	688, 695
Tuberculosis pleurisy, part of a larger study	712
Bronchiectasis, survey of other treatments	815
Diabetes mellitus, extended discussion	892
Behavioral problems, "word deafness" [autism?]	571, 907
Pertussis, extended discussion	923
Narcolepsy/sexual trauma	925
Creatine/thyroid study	926

Hermaphrodisism, real and pseudo	1394, 1831, 1910, 2262, 2285
Tourette's Syndrome	1931
Childhood schizophrenia	1976, 2067
Progeria (suspected)	2179
Hysterical blindness	2218
Poisoning case, turned over to the medical examiner	2230
Precocious puberty	2260
Indifference to pain	2429

HISTORICAL NOTE: Babies Hospital was founded in 1887 by five women “to provide medical and surgical aid and nursing for sick babies.” It was the first hospital in the country solely devoted to care of children under three and became one of the leading US centers of the emerging medical specialty of pediatrics. During the period covered by these records, its Director was Dr. Rustin McIntosh.

Babies Hospital affiliated with Presbyterian Hospital in 1925. It moved from its original location at Lexington Avenue and East 55th Street in 1929 to occupy its own building on the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Campus in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan. In 1943, it merged with Presbyterian but retained its name. It was later called Babies and Children's Hospital and since 2003 has been known as the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York. Since 1900 it has also served as the department of pediatrics of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

ACCESS: Because the records include Confidential Health Information (CHI) as defined by Columbia University policies governing data security and privacy, access is allowed only under the terms of Archives and Special Collections' [Access Policy to Records Containing Confidential Health Information](#).

LANGUAGE: English.

PROVENANCE: Accession #1998.01.13 and #2001.05.25. Records received from two sources: Dr. John Truman, who received them from Dr. William Silverman; and Dr. Michael Katz. Some of the records were originally the property of Dr. C.L. Wood, while others most likely were office copies held by Dr. Rustin McIntosh.

ARRANGEMENT: Arranged in three series: I. Case Histories, arranged by case number; II: Case histories arranged by resident; III: Grand Rounds (1944-1945).

SUBJECTS:

Babies Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
 Pediatrics – Practice – United States.
 Children – Diseases.
 Children – Medical Care.
 Medical Records.

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