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[Leoni Neumann Claman Papers](#)

CLAMAN, LEONI NEUMANN, 1900-1989.

Papers, 1917, 1922-1924.

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SUMMARY: Papers of Leoni Neumann Claman from her time at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (1920-1924) and her subsequent internship at Bellevue Hospital.

Included are manuscript and mimeographed lecture notes, particularly in pediatrics; medical histories taken by Claman at Presbyterian Hospital; printed material from Bellevue Hospital relating to childcare; examination questions; and letters of recommendation for her internship. Also present is an essay, "Women in Medicine," written by Claman in 1917 while studying at Hunter College.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Leoni Neumann Claman was the daughter of Ignac Neumann, a physician of Hungarian birth, and his wife Flora Vogel Neumann. She studied at Hunter College and entered the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons (P&S) in 1920, only three years after it had opened its doors to women.

She received her medical degree in 1924 and then completed an internship at Bellevue Hospital. Though she planned to be a surgeon, Claman temporarily retired from medicine after marrying Irving Claman, a 1923 graduate of P&S. After having four children, she returned to medicine as an allergist. After training with Robert A. Cooke, she assumed a prominent role in New York City allergy medicine. She directed the Physical Fitness Center for Asthmatic Children for many years and served as Chairman of the Allergy Foundation of America and President of the New York Allergy Association. She died in 1989.

ACCESS: Medical histories in folder 12 are restricted because of the presence of patient names. Access allowed under terms of Archives and Special Collections' [Access Policy to Records Containing Confidential Health Information \(CHI\)](#).

PROVENANCE: Gift of her son, Henry N. Claman, M.D. (acc.#2002.04.01)

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| 1 | 1 | Bellevue Hospital: printed material on care of children, c. 1920s |
| | 2 | Clinical Pathological Conferences: notes, 1923-1924 |
| | 3 | Commencement, Columbia University, 1924: program, instructions, ticket |
| | 4 | Examination questions, P&S: various subjects, 1923 |
| | 5 | Grades, P&S, 1922/23 (3 rd Year) |
| | 6 | Lecture notes: OB/GYN, 1923 |
| | 7 | Lecture notes: Pediatrics, 1922-1923 |
| | 8 | Lecture notes: various subjects, 1923-1924 |
| | 9 | Lecture notes (mimeos): Pediatrics, undated, but c. 1920s |
| | 10 | Letters of recommendation for internship, 1923 |
| | 11 | Medical histories, neurology, 1923-1924 |
| | 12 | Medical histories, Presbyterian Hospital, 1923-1924 |
| | 13 | "Women in Medicine:" essay by Claman, Nov. 19, 1917 |
| | 14 | Printed material, P&S, c. 1920s |
| | 15 | Printed material, miscellaneous, c. 1920s |