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[Eugene Cook photographs for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine](#)

COOK, EUGENE, 1917-1986.

Eugene Cook photographs for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, circa 1968-1970s.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Born in New York City on February 25, 1917 to Michael and Edith Cook, Eugene Cook was former picture editor for *Time* magazine in the 1940s and entertainment editor at *Life* magazine through the 1950s. After leaving *Life* in 1959, he worked as a freelance photojournalist, living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. During this time, he photographed patients and their care in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center in Washington Heights, New York City.

He began his career at Yale University's School of Music around 1974. He served as Lecturer for the course "Italian for Singers" in 1978-1979 and was Director of the Concert and Press Office in 1975-1978. Cook was appointed Professor of Photojournalism at Boston University in 1982-1986. He also served as the Director of Public Affairs and Special Projects in the University's School of Fine Arts in 1984-1986.

Eugene Cook died in Brookline, Massachusetts on August 23, 1986.

SCOPE & CONTENT: Black-and-white silver gelatin photographic prints depicting patients receiving physical therapy, medical staff, and facility interiors in Columbia University's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, located at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Of note are scenes taken at a party honoring Ursula Corning, possibly for her retirement in 1968. A graduate of Columbia University's Physical Therapy program in 1946, Corning served as a physical therapist at the Neurological Institute for 22 years and funded an endowed professorship named for her father, H.K. Corning. She later founded the Civitella Ranieri Foundation, an artist residency program in Italy.

A few photographic prints are enlargements of duplicates. Some prints may contain grease pencil editing marks. Photographs are undated but appear to be from the late 1960s to early 1970s. All prints are 11 x 14 inches in size and are printed on glossy, fiber-based photographic paper.

ARRANGEMENT: Physically arranged by scan number order (#O-000494 – O-000667) in larger digitized oversized photograph "O" collection.

ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL FORM: Digitized versions internally held by Archives & Special Collections.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Because the collection includes 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](#).

Researchers must first view digitized version (173 of 180 prints) in reading room.

RIGHTS: Copyright held by the estate of Eugene Cook.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: This accession contains 20 additional color and black-and-white photos from the 1980s-1990s, which are part of the Columbia-Presbyterian Photograph Collection. Additional photographs in Archives & Special Collections depicting the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine can be found in the Elizabeth Wilcox Photograph Collection, 1950s-1990s (<https://clio.columbia.edu/catalog/13439489>), and the Office of Public Affairs Photographs (two accessions 1900-2003).

The Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University holds a Eugene Cook photograph collection.

PROVENANCE: Gift of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Columbia University, in 2004 (accession 2004.08.10).

CUSTODIAL HISTORY: Verso with photographer's stamp: Eugene Cook, 110 Riverside Dr. New York 24, NY. Some with Cook's stamp: Columbia U.

PROCESSING NOTE: Finding aid written by Jennifer Ulrich, September 2018.

OTHER FINDING AIDS: Image database available in the reading room.

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SUBJECTS

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Medical rehabilitation -- Photographs.

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Physical Therapy Specialty -- Photographs.

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