

Columbia University Health Sciences Archives & Special Collections

Medical Departments Questionnaire

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Medical departments questionnaire, 1927

1 volume (1 folder)

HISTORICAL NOTE: The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, located in Washington Heights in Manhattan, was dedicated in 1928. Prior to this, Columbia University's health sciences schools and departments were found in disparate locations. After construction, the College of Physicians & Surgeons, College of Dental and Oral Surgery, and DeLamar Institute of Public Health were joined with Presbyterian Hospital and its School of Nursing, creating a medical center later known as the Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

SCOPE & CONTENT: Responses to a questionnaire sent out in 1927 by the University to all its teaching departments asking them about their needs both in the immediate future and by year 1950. The departments included here are: Anatomy, Bacteriology, Biological Chemistry, Diseases of Children (pediatrics), Dermatology, Epidemiology, Industrial Medicine, Industrial Physiology, Laryngology and Otology, Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physiology, Psychiatry, Public Health Administration, Sanitary Science, and Surgery.

Besides questions on present staff, space, and budget, the questionnaire asked for longer answers on present problems and future needs. The medical school questionnaires include both the clinical and basic science departments, though some department responses are missing. Some of these departments would later be part of the school of public health rather than the medical school.

ARRANGEMENT: Kept in original order; arranged alphabetically by department.

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CUSTODIAL HISTORY: Originally housed in binder labeled, "Answers to Questionnaire Volume IV: Medicine, 1927".

RELATED COLLECTIONS: The [Central records of the Office of the Vice President for Health Sciences / Dean of the Faculty of Medicine](#) contains correspondence and other administrative records for the health sciences schools and departments.

[Central Files, 1890-1984](#) (4080177UA#0001) located in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library contains records between Columbia University administrators, faculty and trustees.

SUBJECTS

Columbia University. College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Medicine – Study and teaching – 20th century.

Medical colleges – New York (State) – New York.

Public health – Study and teaching – 20th century.