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PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL. MEDICAL BOARD.

Medical Board committee minutes, 1944-1990.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Presbyterian Hospital Medical Board had oversight over all medical and surgical care given at the hospital. It was established July 1872 in advance of the opening of the hospital buildings that October. It ceased to exist with the merger of Presbyterian Hospital with New York Hospital on Dec. 31, 1997 to form a new corporation, New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Minutes of committees of the Presbyterian Hospital Medical Board. These include the Planning Committee, 1944-1985 (16 v.); the Staff Committee, 1948-1990 (7 v.); and the Diagnostic Laboratory Committee, 1963-1969 (1 v.).

The Planning Committee dealt with the future development of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center usually in terms of physical expansion but sometimes programmatically as well. The Staff Committee's function was "to submit recommendations to the Medical Board toward improving the professional care of patients and enhancing the usefulness of the Hospital." The Diagnostic Laboratories Committee had oversight of all medical testing including the introduction of new diagnostic tests, the purchase of new equipment, and the implementation of new policies.

The minutes may not be complete for every committee.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Minutes closed for 25 years from date of creation.

PROVENANCE: On deposit from the Office of the Corporate Secretary, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, March 2009.

Subjects:

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