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[Presbyterian Hospital Safety Committee minutes](#)

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.). SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Safety Committee minutes, 1958-1966.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT: The mission of the Presbyterian Hospital Safety Committee was to prevent accidents and encourage safe conditions among staff and patients. It maintained a log of all accidents and investigated hospital conditions that might create safety problems. This was a hospital-wide committee that included administrators, nurses, and physicians.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Founded in 1868 and opened in 1872, Presbyterian Hospital was explicitly declared to be open to all “without regard to race, creed, or color.”

In 1911, it affiliated with Columbia University’s College of Physicians & Surgeons, allowing the College’s students free access to its wards for instructional purposes. In March, 1928, the medical school and the hospital were physically united in the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center located on West 168th St. in the Washington Heights neighborhood of northern Manhattan, though both Columbia and Presbyterian remained independent corporate entities.

On Dec. 31, 1997, Presbyterian merged with New York Hospital to create New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

LANGUAGE: English.

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