

[Vanderbilt Clinic Board of Managers Minutes](#)

VANDERBILT CLINIC (NEW YORK, N.Y). BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Minutes, 1922-1928.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: In 1886, Cornelius, William K., Frederick W., and George W. Vanderbilt donated \$250,000 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S) to establish an outpatient clinic to be operated by the College at its new campus on West 59th Street. It was meant to be a memorial to their father, William Henry Vanderbilt (1821-1885), who in 1884 had given P&S land and money amounting to \$500,000 for the construction of a new building.

The Clinic, housed in a separate building on the campus at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 60th St., was dedicated in December 1887. Besides providing low-cost obstetric care, Vanderbilt Clinic served as a teaching facility for P&S students. Oversight was vested in a Board of Managers which was made up of the Dean of the College, a representative of the donors, a representative of the College's Board of Trustees (replaced by a member of the Columbia University Board of Trustees when the College completely merged into Columbia in 1891), and two members of the P&S faculty.

Following the affiliation between Columbia and Presbyterian Hospital and the decision to jointly construct a Medical Center in Manhattan's Washington Heights neighborhood, the University decided to turn over its clinical units to Presbyterian Hospital in 1925. The Board of Managers continued to oversee the Clinic's affairs until the move to the new Medical Center in March 1928, at which point it dissolved itself. The hospital's emergency room remains housed in a structure called "Vanderbilt Clinic."

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Minutes of the Board of Managers of the Vanderbilt Clinic, an outpatient clinic then located on Manhattan's Upper West Side. The minutes document professional appointments, attendance, finances, and policies and procedures. They include the monthly reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer and the annual inspection reports of the New York State Board of Charities. Copies of internal and external correspondence are included. Pre-1922 minutes do not appear to have survived.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Open.

PROVENANCE: Unknown. Acquired by 1997.

RELATED RECORDS: Archives & Special Collections has Vanderbilt Clinic patient records, 1914-1928, and Vanderbilt Clinic Women's Auxiliary Records, 1905-1949.

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