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VANDERBILT CLINIC (NEW YORK, N.Y.). AUXILIARY.

Records, 1905-1949.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary was organized in 1908 to raise funds for and take charge of three departments associated with the Clinic: the Visiting Nurse Service, the Social Service Dept., and the Day Camp for tuberculosis patients. It was an entirely female enterprise with many of the members being the wives of physicians on the Clinic staff.

Over time, the Auxiliary expanded its services to include occupational therapy; social service to patients of the dermatology/syphilology department; and a patients' library. They organized fundraising events and, with other charitable organizations, operated and benefited from Everybody's Thrift Shop.

Vanderbilt Clinic was founded in 1886 with a gift from the four sons of William H. Vanderbilt to serve as an outpatient clinic for the College of Physicians and Surgeons. It was located at the corner of Amsterdam Ave. and West 60th Street on the P&S campus. The Clinic was operated by the College faculty, a situation that did not change after the merger of P&S into Columbia University in 1891.

With the affiliation of the medical school and Presbyterian Hospital in 1911 to form what eventually became the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Columbia decided to divest itself of its clinical units and in 1925, Vanderbilt became part of Presbyterian Hospital. The Auxiliary's status was unaffected by this change and it continued its work with Vanderbilt patients after the Clinic moved in 1928 to the Medical Center campus in Washington Heights.

The Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary continued under that name until 1950 when it was reincorporated as the Women's Auxiliary of Presbyterian Hospital.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Meeting minutes, annual and other reports, mailing lists, and a short history of the Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary. The annual reports date from 1928-1949 and usually include those from the Auxiliary's numerous committees including those for social service for the departments of dermatology/syphilology, medicine and surgery; tuberculosis service; occupational therapy; patients' library; and thrift shop. None of these committee reports were included in the Auxiliary's reports as published in the annual reports of the Presbyterian Hospital.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Because the records include 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](#).

RELATED RECORDS: No manuscript copies of the Auxiliary's pre-1928 annual reports appear to have survived, but printed versions exist for 1909-1927. They may be consulted in Archives & Special Collections; digital versions can be found through the Medical Heritage Library at: <http://archive.org/stream/columbiauniversi119colu#page/n3/mode/2up>

Records of the Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary's successor organization, the Presbyterian Hospital Women's Auxiliary, can be found in Archives & Special Collections. See the finding aid at: http://vesta.cumc.columbia.edu/library/archives/findingaids/NYPHWomens_Aux.html

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Subjects

Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Columbia University. College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.)

Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York.

Vanderbilt Clinic (New York, N.Y.). Auxiliary.

Medical social work – United States.

Social medicine – United States.

Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.). Dept. of Social Service.

Tuberculosis – Treatment – New York (State) – New York.

Volunteers working in hospitals.

Women – Charities.

Women volunteers in social service – United States – History – 20th century.

Outpatient Clinics, Hospital – New York.

Patients – New York City.

Social Work – history – New York City.

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| 1 | 1 | Minutes, May 1908-Jan. 1915 |
| | 2 | Minutes: Annual, Regular and Executive Committee Meetings, 1921-1922 |
| | 3 | Minutes: Annual, Regular and Executive Committee Meetings, 1923-1924 |
| | 4 | Minutes: Annual, Regular and Executive Committee Meetings, 1925-Apr. 1928 |
| | 5 | Report of Tuberculosis Work, Vanderbilt Clinic, 1905 |
| | 6 | Statistical report, 1919 |
| | 7-15 | Annual reports, 1928-1936 |
| 2 | 1-13 | Annual reports, 1937-1949 |
| | 14 | Mailing lists, undated but ca.1920s? |
| | 15 | “History of the Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary: Report of Mrs. Yale Kneeland,”
Feb.16, 1944 |