Presbyterian Hospital Patient Records

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.)
69.25 cubic feet (59 vols. and 54 records cartons)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Presbyterian Hospital was established in 1868 by philanthropist and book collector James Lenox who intended that the new hospital accept all patients “without regard to race, creed, or color.” It opened in October 1872 on a site bounded by Madison and Park Avenues, 70th and 71st Streets. Presbyterian affiliated with Columbia University in 1911 to form the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, which opened in 1928 in Manhattan’s Washington Heights neighborhood.

In 1925, Presbyterian Hospital took control of Sloane Hospital for Women and the Vanderbilt Clinic and affiliated with Babies Hospital and the Neurological Institute of New York, all of which relocated to the Columbia-Presbyterian campus in 1928-1929. In 1945, the New York Orthopaedic Hospital merged with Presbyterian and moved to the Medical Center five years later.

Presbyterian Hospital and New York Hospital merged on Dec. 31, 1997 to form New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

ORGANIZATION: From 1872-1905, casebooks are in chronological order by date of admission. From 1906 to 1912, they were arranged by disease according to the Bellevue Nomenclature of Disease (“Bellevue Classification”) and then chronologically by admission date. In 1912, the Bellevue system was dropped and the casebooks were arranged consecutively by case number which generally followed date of admission.

On Jan. 1, 1916, Presbyterian became the first large U.S. hospital to institute the “unit record system” where patients received a permanent unit number under which all records of their treatment were retained.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: An incomplete set of records of patients treated at Presbyterian Hospital. The 1872-1915 casebooks contain medical cases only; surgical cases were bound separately. During this period, a new record was created for the patient upon each admission. With the introduction of the unit record system in 1916, information on medical and surgical treatment provided to a patient during all admissions to the hospital was filed under the same unit number.

Content varies tremendously over the century documented here. Older records generally have less information than newer ones. As the 20th century progressed, basic information about medical treatment is supplemented with temperature charts, laboratory and radiology reports, nurses’ and social workers’ notes, photographs, and x-rays.
ACCESS: Because the records include Protected Health Information (PHI) as defined by the US Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), access is allowed only under the terms of Archives and Special Collections’ Access Policy to Records Containing Protected Health Information.

Because of staff constraints and the lack of a name index, Archives & Special Collections cannot search for individual records. Microfilm of much of Presbyterian’s post-1928 patient records are held by the New York-Presbyterian Hospital Dept. of Health Information Management and persons wishing to locate the records of individuals should contact them at: http://www.nyp.org/guide/info/medical.html?

Boxes are stored off-site and will take 1-2 days to retrieve. Researchers must call in advance to use the collection.

RELATED RECORDS: Presbyterian Hospital surgical casebooks, 1875-1896, 1905-1915 (299 volumes) have been cataloged separately.

PROVENANCE: Gift of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Dept. of Health Information Management, 2000 (acc. #2000.07.05; #2000.08.24); gift of John Loeb, M.D. (acc.#2004.11.09); gift of Patricia Soto (acc. #2015.005)

SUBJECTS

Hospital patients – New York (State) – New York.
Hospitals – New York (State) – New York.
Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
Medical records.
NYPresbyterian Hospital.

I. Case Books: Chronological

v.1  1872 – 1875
v.2  7/1875 – 2/1877
v.6  4/9/1879 – 12/27/1880
v.29 8/12/1891 – 8/31/1891
v.68 9/28/1895 – 10/31/1895
v.88 4/22/1897 – 5/29/1897
v.100 2/7/1898 – 3/7/1898 1101-1200
v.119 6/19/1899 – 7/15/1899 3001-3100
v.163 5/11/1902 – 6/30/1902 7401-7500
v.209 11/14/1905 – 12/31/1905 12001-12100

II. Case Books: Bellevue Classification (all volumes date from Jan. 1, 1906 to April 1, 1912)

v.1  Diseases of the Blood:
    Anaemia, Progressive, Pernicious
    Chlorosis
    Splenic Anaemia, Chronic
    Anaemia, Secondary, Pernicious
    Leukaemia
    Polycythemia

v.4  Diseases of the Circulatory System:
    Heart: Congenital Malformation of the Heart
    Endocarditis

v.5  Diseases of the Circulatory System:
    Heart: Aneurysm, Cardiac
    Dilation, Cardiac
    Fatty Heart
    Hypertrophy, Cardiac
    Myocarditis

v.6  Valvular Disease:
    Cardiac Clinic, v.1
    Cases 1-80: 3 Jan 1906 – 5 Apr 1907

v.13 Diseases of the Circulatory System:
    Heart, Cont.:
    Pericardium
    Veins
v.14 Diseases of the Digestive System:
    Intestines:
        Appendicitis
        Appendicular Colic
v.15 Diseases of the Digestive System:
    Intestines:
        Colitis, Enteritis, Gastroduoentitis
v.16 Diseases of the Digestive System:
    Intestines:
        Enterocolitis
v.17 [Diseases of the Digestive System:]
    Gastroenteritis, v1
    Cases 1-100: 21 Jan 1906 – 23 Jan 1910
v.19 Diseases of the Digestive System:
    Intestines, Cont.
v.20 Diseases of the Digestive System:
    Liver:  Abscess of Liver
            Atrophy of Liver
            Cirrhosis of Liver
            Fatty Liver
v.21 [Diseases of the Digestive System:]
    Neoplasm of Liver
    Diseases of Gall Bladder & Ducts
v.22 Diseases of the Digestive System:
    Mouth:  Pharynx
            Salivary Glands
            Teeth
            Tongue
            Tonsils
            Tonsilar Abscess
            Oesophagus
v.25 Diseases of the Digestive System:
    Gastritis, Acute, Catarrhal
    Gastritis, Chronic, Catarrhal
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v.26  *Diseases of the Digestive System:*
Stomach:
   Hematemesis
   Neoplasm of Stomach

v.27  *Diseases of the Digestive System:*
Stomach:
   Antony, Gastric
   Spasm, Gastric
   Achylia Gastrica
   Nervous Dyspepsia
   Gastraglia
   Vomiting, Recurrent

v.35  *Infective Diseases:*
Malarial Fever, Cases 101-174
Malarial Cachexia
Measles
Mumps
Scarlet Fever
Tetanus
Varicellar
Whooping Cough

v.36  [*Infective Diseases:]*
Rheumatic Fever, Acute, v1
   Cases 1-80: 7 Jan 1906 – 24 Jul 1907

v.41  *Infective Diseases:*
Rheumatic Fever, Acute, Cases 311-335
Rheumatic Fever, Sub-Acute, Cases 101-167
Pyaemia, Tuberculosis of
Septicaemia, Tuberculosis of

v.47  *Infective Diseases:*
Syphilis, Acquired
Syphilis, Congenital

v.56  *Infective Diseases:*
Typhoid Fever, Cases 731-751
Typhus Fever
Tuberculosis, Acute, General
v.57 Diseases of the Kidneys:
   Miscellaneous Diseases of the Kidneys

v.63 Diseases of the Kidneys:
   Nephritis, Chronic
   Interstitial, Cases 361-391
   Nephritis, Acute

v.69 [Miscellaneous Diseases]
   Diabetes Insipidus
   Diabetes Mellitus

v.74 Diseases of the Nervous System:
   Meningitis, Cerebral, Cases [101]-140
   Miscellaneous Diseases of the Brain

v.77 Diseases of the Nervous System:
   Neurasthenia, Cases 100-122
   Hysteria
   Idiocy
   Imbecility
   Stupor Mental
   Meniere's Disease
   Neuralgia

v.78 Diseases of the Nervous System:
   Neuritis Local
   Neuritis Multiple
   Paralysis of Nerve Zoster
   Locomotor Ataxia

v.79 Diseases of the Nervous System:
   Miscellaneous Diseases of the Spinal Cord

v.81 Poisonings and Intoxications:
   Alcoholic Cerebral Oedema
   Alcoholic Delirium
   Alcoholism
   Gastritis, Toxic, Alcoholic
   Lead Poisoning

v.82 Poisonings and Intoxications:
   Miscellaneous
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v.83 *Diseases of the Respiratory System:*
Miscellaneous Diseases of the Bronchi and Trachea

v.85 *Diseases of the Respiratory System:*
Bronchitis, Acute, Cases 101-184
Bronchitis, Chronic

v.86 *[Diseases of the Respiratory System:]*
Pneumonia, Broncho, v.1
Cases 1-100, 12 Jan 1906 – 14 Mar 1909

v.88 *[Diseases of the Respiratory System:]*
Pneumonia, Lobar, v.1
Cases 1-128: 31 Jan 1905 – 31 Dec 1906

v.98 *Diseases of the Respiratory System:*
Miscellaneous Diseases of the Lungs

v.99 *[Diseases of the Respiratory System:]*
Tuberculosis, Chronic, Pulmonary, v.1
Cases 1-100, 3 Jan 1906 – 6 Feb 1908

v.102 *Diseases of the Respiratory System:*
Miscellaneous Diseases of Naso-Pharynx and Pleura

v.104 *Diseases of the Respiratory System:*
Pleurisy:
Sero-Fibrinous, Cases 81 – 176
Chronic, Fibrinous

v.105 Spleen
Cross-reference
Diseases of the Mind

v.106 Gynecological Cases

v.107 Gynecological Cases

v.108 *Surgical Diseases:*
Diseases of Bone
Ear and Eye Gangrene
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v.110  *Surgical Diseases:*
Injuries
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v.111  *Surgical Diseases:*
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