PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.)
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.
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SCOPE AND CONTENT: Minutes of the Administrative Committee of the Presbyterian Hospital. The committee met weekly to discuss pressing operational issues at the hospital. Though membership varied over time, the committee always included high-level administrators, the director of nursing, and several clinical department heads.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Presbyterian Hospital was founded by Robert Lenox, a distinguished philanthropist and book collector, and a committee of Presbyterian laymen in January 1868. Though supported by Presbyterians, the hospital was explicitly declared to be open to all “without regard to race, creed, or color.”

The hospital opened its doors on Oct. 10, 1872 on a site bounded by Madison and Park Avenues, 70th and 71st Streets. In 1911, assisted by generous financial support from Edward S. Harkness, 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.

In 1925, Presbyterian absorbed the Vanderbilt Clinic and Sloane Hospital for Women, previously operated by the medical school. In 1933, Babies Hospital and the Neurological Institute of New York were consolidated into Presbyterian, though both institutions retained a separate corporate identity until a final merger on Dec. 31, 1943. In 1945, the New York Orthopaedic Hospital merged with Presbyterian; it moved to the Columbia-Presbyterian campus in 1950. On Dec. 31, 1997, Presbyterian merged with New York Hospital to create New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

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