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[Babies Hospital \(New York, N.Y.\) Medical Board. Minutes.](#)

BABIES HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.). MEDICAL BOARD.
Minutes, 1898, Jan. 3 – 1944, May 5.
2 volumes.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Minutes of the Babies Hospital Medical Board, 1898-1944. Besides meeting minutes, extensive correspondence is bound into the volumes. The Medical Board oversaw all medical and surgical treatment at the hospital and regulated the professional staff.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Babies Hospital was founded in 1887 by five women “to provide medical and surgical aid and nursing for sick babies.” It soon became one of the nation’s pre-eminent children’s hospitals. Within twenty years Babies had established an outpatient department, a training school for nurses, and a summer hospital at the New Jersey shore. It became a teaching affiliate of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1900. L. Emmett Holt, Herbert Wilcox, Sr. and Rustin McIntosh were among the medical directors of the hospital in the 20th century.

After several brief stays at various locations, Babies Hospital settled in two houses on Lexington Avenue at E. 55th Street. In 1902, these buildings were replaced with a modern structure where the Hospital remained until it moved to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center at West 168th Street in 1929.

Babies Hospital remained a separate corporation until its complete merger into Presbyterian Hospital on Dec. 31, 1943. The pediatric service at Columbia-Presbyterian retained the Babies Hospital name; this was later changed to Babies and Children’s Hospital and it is currently known as Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York.

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PROVENANCE: On deposit from the Office of the Corporate Secretary, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, March 2009.

Subjects:

Babies Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
Children – Medical care.
Children – Hospitals – New York (State) – New York.
Hospitals – Administration.
Pediatrics – Practice – United States.
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