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[Columbia University. Department of Neurosurgery Operation Logbooks](#)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY.
Operation log books, 1933-1938, 1946-1957.
9 volumes (1.25 cubic feet)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Surgery was an important part of the work of the Neurological Institute of New York from its founding in 1909. It became part of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center at its opening in 1928 and was merged into Presbyterian Hospital in 1943. The Neurological Institute also served as the department of neurology for the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. A separate department of neurological surgery was not established until 1949. J. Lawrence Pool was its first chairman (1949-1972).

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Records of neurological surgery undertaken at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, 1933-1938, 1946-1957. Information is recorded in tabular form and always includes name of patient, operation number, date, type of operation, surgeons' names, and anesthetic employed. In a smaller number of cases, the result, post-op diagnosis and pathological findings are recorded.

LANGUAGE: English.

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](#).

PROVENANCE: Transfer from the Columbia University Department of Neurological Surgery, May, 2017 (acc. #2017.009).

RELATED RECORDS: Archives and Special Collections also holds the department's operating room schedules for 1950-1995, which generally have less information than the logbooks.

Subjects

Columbia University. Department of Neurological Surgery.
Neurological Institute of New York.
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- v. 10 May 8, 1946 – Nov. 9, 1948
- v. 11 Nov. 10, 1948 – Oct. 7, 1950
- [v. 12] Oct. 9, 1950 – Aug. 1, 1952
- v. 13 Aug. 3, 1952 – Jan. 6, 1954
- v. 14 Jan. 6, 1954 – Aug. 9, 1955
- v. 15 Aug. 9, 1955 – April 17, 1957