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[Department of Neurological Surgery Operating Room Schedules](#)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY.

Operating room schedules, 1950 – 1995.

36 volumes (5.5 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: Operating room schedules for the Columbia University Department of Neurological Surgery, 1950-1995. Information in the volumes usually includes name of patient and surgeons; date and type of operation; and anesthesia used. They almost never include the outcome. There is one volume for each year except for 1978-1980 which have two volumes each.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Columbia University records are closed for 25 years from date of creation. Beyond that date, 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 & Special Collections also holds the department's [operation logbooks for 1933-1938, 1946-1957](#) which usually include information on outcomes.

Subjects

Columbia University. Department of Neurological Surgery.

Neurological Institute of New York.

Nervous system – Surgery – United States – 20th century.

Operations, Surgical – United States – 20th century.

Neurosurgery – history.

Surgical Procedures, Operative.

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