

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES
OF
NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN/WEILL CORNELL**

**1300 York Avenue #34
New York, NY 10065**

**Finding Aid to the
RECORDS OF COSMO LACOSTA**

**Dates of Records:
1962-1989**

**197.5 Linear Inches
(16 Boxes)**

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PROVENANCE:

This collection is a consolidation of four donations that Cosmo Lacosta made to the archives. They were originally cataloged under the departments that he held at the time of the donation. However, all of the records extended into different positions that he held at the Division of Professional Services and General Services (later called General and Support Services). Due to the overlap of these collections, it was decided to consolidate them into one collection to make it easier to access these records. The collections were donated as follow:

General Services, date of donation not noted

General and Support Services, June 8, 1988

Associate Director, Division of Professional Services, November 1995

Burn Center Records, date of donation not noted

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Cosmos LaCosta earned a BS in Education in 1963 from Fordham University and a MA in Public Administration (Health Administration) in 1973. He served with the U.S. Army at the hospital in Orleans, France, 1964-1965 and the U.S. Reserves from 1966-1968. He first joined the staff of New York Hospital in 1967 as an executive assistant. He moved up the ranks to assistant director (1971-1975), associate director of Professional Services (1975-1983), and Executive Associate Director of General Services (1983-1989). In 1989, he was appointed associate dean for operations at the Cornell University Medical College. Later, he was the director of Gracie Square Hospital, and the Senior Vice President of Continuum of Care at The New York Hospital-Queens.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The records have been organized into seven series: Administrative Files (1962-1987), Reports (1979-1987), Committees (1977-1987), Burn Center (1976-1980), C. V. Starr Pavilion (1971-1987), Helmsley Tower (1979-1987), Major Modernization Records (1976-1989). Only the committee files contain records about Cosmo LaCosta personal activities in various committees in and outside of the medical center. The rest of the records document various capital and construction projects at the medical center. Most noteworthy are records pertaining to the construction/establishment of the Burn Center, C. V. Starr Pavilion, Helmsley Tower, Warner's Communications Child Life Center, AIDS Special Studies Center, and the Hermine Neustadl Stich Radiation Therapy Building.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS:

All administrative records are closed for 25 years from the date of their creation.

LANGUAGE OF MATERIAL:

English.

PROCESSING NOTE:

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PREFERRED CITATION:

Item Name or Identification; Box #, Folder #; Records of Cosmo LaCosta, 1962-1989 (Medical Center Archives of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, New York, NY).

RELATED MATERIAL:

There are additional collections on the C.V. Starr Pavilion, Helmsley Tower, and Division of Professional Services listed in the Archives Access database.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST:**Series I: Administrative Files, 1962-1987**

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains miscellaneous administrative files including agreements for affiliated hospitals, financial records, legal cases, and capital projects.

Box 1: Series I, Administrative Files, 1962-1987

Folder:	Description:
1	Adolescent Development Program Budget, 1985
2	Agreements, 1962-1984 (includes: Manhattan Ear and Throat, Service Agreement New York Hospital and Cornell University Medcial College, Radiology Service for Hospital for Special Surgery, Perinatology Center, Memorial Hospital Emergency Department, Nursing Homes, and Oxygen Therapy Services
3	American Association of Retired Persons, Gift, 1984
4	Animal Rights, 1987
5	Cohen, Martin H., Consultant, 1985

- 6 Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1987
- 7 Dormitory Authority State of New York, 1980-1981
- 8 Dormitory Authority State of New York, Refinancing, 1983
- 9 Dormitory Authority State of New York, 1982-1983
- 10 Dormitory Authority State of New York, 1984-1986
- 11 Films, Harvest, "Burn Nursing: A Very Special Challenge," 1978-1983
- 12 Films, Harvest, "Burn Wise," 1983-1985
- 13 Films, Harvest, "Caring for Mothers and Babies at Risk," 1979-1982 and "Right From The Start," 1985
- 14 Films, Harvest, "When You Need It: A Burn Center For You," 1979-1980
- 15 Films, King Features Entertainment Inc., 1982-1983
- 16 Films, King Features, "Mothers and Babies at Risk," 1983
- 17 Films, Rogosin Kidney Center, 1980
- 18 Films, Seven Oaks Productions, 1982-1983
- 19 Films, Siena Productions, January 1982
- 20 FDR, 1980-1984
- 21 Fund, Society of New York Hospital, 1982
- 22 Health Systems Agency of New York, 1978-1986
- 23 Lambertson, Eleanor, (Health Services Research), 1986-1987
- 24-26 Legal, Dreyer Case, Do Not Resuscitate, 1983-1986
- 27 Legal, Green, Ann, 1986
- 28 Lewis Freedman Design, 1980-1983
- 29-30 Objectives, 1982-1985
- 31-32 OB/GYN Practice Plan, 1980-1988
- 33 Rehab, 1984-1985
- 34 Schneider, Dr. Roy, U. S. Virgin Islands, 1984
- 35 Security, 1985-1987
- 36 Ventresca, Vicki, Correspondence, 1982
- 37 Visitors Day, 1986-1987
- 38 Westchester Development (Robert Martin Corporation, Hillier Group, AHSC), 1981-1984
- 39 Westchester Development, 1984-1986

Series II: Reports, 1979-1987

Miscellaneous reports regarding construction or capital projects, financial analysis, and long range planning at the hospital.

Box 2: Series II, Reports, 1979-1987

Folder:	Description:
1	Accessing Ambulatory Surgery, 1981
2-3	Capital Problems and Services Needs Assessment, 1983
4	Ellerby, Functional Program Study, Neurology, October 1984
5	Ellerby, Functional Program Study, OB/GYN, 1984-1985
6	Ellerby, Functional Program Study, Ophthalmology, October 1984
7	Ellerby, Functional Program Study, Psychiatry, 1984-1985
8-9	Ellerby/RBSD, Long Range Plan, 1982-1985
10	Emergency Room Planning Task Force, Executive Summary, 1985
11	Environmental Impact Study for Mixed Use Building, 1984
12-15	Financial Feasibility Report, Ernest Whinney, 1979-1987
16	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Ambulatory Surgery Financial Feasibility Analysis, 1984
17	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Building Program Staffing Analysis, 1980
18	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Data Quality Assessment, 1984
19	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Distributed Medical Records Database Online Report Library, 1984
20	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, In Patient Building Program, Certificate of Need Development, 1982
21	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, In Patient Modernization Program, 1984
22	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, In Patient Occupancy Issue Presentation, 1983
23	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Instrument Processing Facility Analysis, 1985
24	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Laundry Services Assumption for Services Analysis, 1982

Box 3: Series II, Reports, 1979-1987

Folder:	Description:
1	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Management and Planning Services Five-Year Plan, 1983
2-3	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, OB/GYN Planning Analysis, 1982
4	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, OB/GYN Renovation Expansion Analysis, 1981-1983
5	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Order Entry Results Reporting System, 1985
6	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Operational Assessment, 1984
7	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Proposal for Operational Assessment of Respiratory Therapy Department, 1983
8-9	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services, Recommendations for Functional Program Expansion Program, 1979
10	Health Service and Capital Needs Inventory, 1985
11-12	Laundry Renovation Construction Specs, 1983
13	Laundry, 1985
14	Long Range Implementation Plan, 1984
15-16	Long Range Strategic Plan, 1984
17	Perinatology Center, Neonatal Unit Expansion, 1984
18	Purchasing and Receiving Review, 1984
19	Security Survey, 1985
20-21	Upgrading Patient Care, 1986

Series III: Committees, 1977-1987

This series, arranged alphabetically, documents Cosmo LaCosta committee involvement with the Greater New York Health Association, Healthcare Association of New York State, Health Systems Agency and the York Avenue Planning Committee. In addition, materials for the Long Range Planning and Safety Committees for the medical center are included.

Box 3: Series III, Committees, 1977-1987

Folder:	Description:
22	Greater New York Health Association, Government Relations Program, 1983-1984
23-26	Greater New York Health Association, Health Planning Policy Committee, 1979-1985
27	Guest Relations Committee, 1985-1987
28	Healthcare Association of New York State, Appropriateness Review Committee, 1980
29-31	Healthcare Association of New York State, Management and Planning Services (MAPS), Advisory Committee, 1978-1987
32	Health Systems Agency, Burn Care Taskforce, 1986

Box 4: Series III, Committees, 1977-1987

Folder:	Description:
1	Health Systems Agency, Manhattan Multi Hospital Group, 1981-1982
2	Health Systems Agency, Manhattan Subarea Council, 1981-1985
3	Health System Agency, Medical Facilities Resource Component, 1977-1982
4-5	Health System Agency, Medical Facilities Resource Component, 1982-1983
6	Library Committee, Minutes and Correspondence, 1983-1985
7	Long Range Finance Committee, Planning, 1982
8	Long Range Planning Advisory Committee, 1981-1983
9-10	Long Range Planning Committee, Psychiatry, 1981-1985
11	Long Range Planning, Long Range Facility Plan, Draft Global Space Program, 1982
12	Long Range Planning, Long Range Facility Plan Support Work Group, 1982-1983
13-14	New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council, Meeting for 5/1984 includes proposal from the Presbyterian Hospital
15-16	Safety Committee, 1986-1987
17	York Avenue Health Planning Committee, 1984

18-19 York Avenue Planning Committee, 1978-1987

Series IV: Burn Center Records, 1976-1980

This series, arranged alphabetically, contains files on the establishment of the Burn Center in 1976-1977 and discussion about establishing a Hospital for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in 1977-1980.

Box 4: Series IV, Burn Center Records, 1976-1980

Folder:	Description:
20	Alterations to H-7 for Burn Center, 1976
21	Burn Center Advisory Committee, 1977-1983
22-23	Burn Center, Proposal, 1976
24-26	Burn Center, Expansion, 1977
27	"Creation of a New York City Burn Network," Health System Agency Report, 1977
28	Harborview Medical Center Burn Unit, 1976
29	New York City, Emergency Medical Service, Various Burn Center Minutes, 1978-1982
29	New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, Hospital for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Interim Report of the North Tower, 1977

Box 5: Series IV, Burn Center Records, 1976-1980

Folder:	Description
1	New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, Hospital for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Report, 1980

Series V: C. V. Starr Pavilion Files, 1971-1987

This series, arranged alphabetically, consists of files related to the development and construction of the C. V. Starr Pavilion.

Box 5: Series V, C. V. Starr Pavilion Files, 1971-1987

Folder:	Description:
2	Allergy, 1979-1985
3	Ambulatory Radiology, 1983-1984
4	Ambulatory Surgery, 1980-1984
5	Anesthesia, 1979-1985

6	Biochemistry, 1980
7	Burn Center, 1979-1985
8-9	Cardiology, Hypertension, 1979-1985
10-11	Cardiovascular Radiology 1979-1986
12	Catheterization Lab, Adult, 1981-1985
13	Central Sterile Supply, 1979-1985
14	Codes and Regulations, 1980-1983
15	Computers, 1983-1984
16	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1979-1981
17-20	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1982
21-24	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1983
25-27	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1984

Box 6: Series V, C. V. Starr Pavilion, 1971-1987

Folder:	Description:
1	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1984
2-3	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1985
4	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1986
5	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Correspondence, 1987
6	Crow, William L. Construction Company, Delays to Project, 1986
7	Crow, William L., Job Meetings, 12/1981-6/1982
8	Crow, William L., Job Meetings, 7/1982-12/1982
9	Crow, William L., Job Meetings, 1/1983-5/1983
10	Crow, William L., Job Meetings, 6/1983-12/1983
11	Crow, William L., Job Meetings, 1/1984-4/1984
12	Crow, William L., Job Meetings, 8/1984-8/1985
13	Crow, William L., Open Items and Special Job Meetings, 1983-1984
14	Crow, William L., O/A/CM Meetings and Status Reports, 1984
15	Crow, William L., O/A/CM Meetings and Status Reports, 1984-1985
16	Crow, William L., Record, The, 12/1980-3/1981
17	Crow, William L., Record, The, 4/1981-12/1981
18	Crow, William L., Record, The, 2/1982-8/1982
19	Crow, William L., Record, The, 9/1982-11/1982
20	Crow, William L., Record, The, 11/1982-12/1982
21	Crow, William L., Record, The, 1/1983-4/1983
22	Crow, William L., Record, The, 4/1983 5/1983

Box 7: Series V, C. V. Starr Pavilion, 1971-1987

Folder:	Description:
1	Crow, William L., Record, The, 6/1983- 12/1983

2	Crow, William L., Record, The, 1/1984- 5/1984
3	Cytogenetic and .Microbiology, 1979-1985
4	Dedication, 1983-1987
5	Dermatology, June 1979-1985
6	Dialysis, 1980-1985
7-8	Digestive Diseases, Endoscopy, Gastroenterology, 1979-1985
9	Endocrinology, 1979-1983
10	E.N.T., Audiology, 1980-1985
11	Equipment, Budget List, 1984-1985
12	Equipment, Correspondence, 1981-1985
13	Equipment, Jeol, 1982-1983
14	Equipment, Varian, 1982-1983
15	Fire and Smoke Detection Systems, 1984
16	Fourth Floor Restudy (Cardiac Cath Labs, Pediatric Cath Labs Nuclear Cardiology, Echocardiology, Heart Station), 1984-1985
17	Fracture, 1979-1985
18	General Medicine/Group Medicine, J, K, L Pods, 1978-1985
19	Guaranteed Maximum Price, 1981-1984
20	Hearst Foundation Gift, 1980
21-22	Hematology/Blood Bank, 1977-1985
23	Jones, J.A. Construction Company, 1984-1985
24	Kelley Drye and Warren, Consent Agreements, 1971-1986
25	Laboratory Department, Functional Programs, undated
26	Laboratory Statistics, 1979-1984
27-28	Main and OB/GYN Operating Rooms, 1979-1986

Box 8: Series V, C. V. Starr Pavilion Files, 1971-1987

Folder:	Description:
1	Material Handling, Management, 1980
2	Meyer, Strong and Jones, Mechanical Engineering, 1979-1985
3	Meyer, Strong and Jones, Non-Transmittal of Plans (Work Diary), 1979-1982
4	Meyer, Strong, and Jones, Transmittal for Drawings Sent to Them, 1983
5	Move to, 1984-1986
6	Neurology, 1979-1985
7	Neurophysiology Department, 1983
8	Neuro Radiology, 1979-1984
9	Neurosurgery, 1979-1984
10-11	Nuclear Medicine 1979-1987
12-13	Ophthalmology, 1980-1985
14	Otorhinolaryngology, 1979-1984
15-16	Perkins & Will, Agreement, Owner/Architect, 1973-1984
17	Perkins & Will, Anderson, Harry Meeting, 1980-1983

18	Perkins & Will, Authorization Letters, 1982
19	Perkins & Will, Community Discussions, 1978-1980
20	Perkins & Will, Construction Management Selections, 1979
21	Perkins & Will, Correspondence, 1980
22	Perkins & Will, Correspondence, 1981
23-24	Perkins & Will, Correspondence, 1982
25	Perkins & Will, Fees, 1984
26	Perkins & Will, First Floor Alterations, 1983
27-28	Perkins & Will, General, Jan-April 1983

Box 9: Series V, C. V. Starr Pavilion, 1971-1987

Folder:	Description:
1-2	Perkins & Will, General, May-December 1983
3-6	Perkins & Will, General, 1984
7-8	Perkins & Will, Letters of Transmittal, 1979-1984
9	Perkins & Will Meetings, 12/1978-2/1980
10	Perkins & Will Meetings, 3/1980-7/1980
11	Perkins & Will Meetings, 8/1980-12/1980
12	Perkins & Will Meetings, 1/1981-9/1981
13	Perkins & Will Meetings, 1/1982-12/1982
14	Perkins & Will Meetings, 1/1983-6/1983
15	Perkins & Will Meetings, 7/1983-12/1983
16	Perkins & Will Meetings, 1/1984-4/1984
17-19	Perkins & Will and New York Hospital, Termination Dispute, 1986-1987
20	Perkins & Will, Non-Transmittal of Plans (Work Diary), 1979-1982
21	Perkins & Will, Transmittal for Drawings Sent to Them, 1983
22	Pharmacy, Inpatient Distribution, 1979-1984
23	Pneumatic Tube System, Clinical Labs, 1982-1983
24	Pulmonary, 1979-1985
25	Radiology, 1977-1981

Box 10: Series V, C. V. Starr Pavilion, 1971-1987

Folder:	Description:
1-4	Radiology, Equipment List, 1982-1986
5-6	RBSD Consultants, 1984-1987
7	70 and 71st Streets, 1984-1985
8	Site Visit and Inspection, 1984-1985
9	Sliker Agreement, 1981-1985
10	Sliker Construction Progress Reports, 1981-1984
11	Sliker Correspondence, 1981
12-13	Sliker Correspondence, 1982

14	Sliker Correspondence, 1983
15	Sliker Correspondence, 1984
16-17	Space, Allocation of, 1976-1986
18	Space, General, 1976-1986
19	Surgery, 1979-1986
20	Surgical Pathology and Cytology, 1979-1986
21	Ultrasound and Body CT, 1979-1983
22-23	Urology, 1979-1986
24	Urology Radiology, 1980
25	Volatile and Liquid Gas Storage, 7th Floor, 1984

Series VI: Helmsley Medical Tower, 1979-1987

This series, arranged alphabetically contains files on the development and construction of the Helmsley Medical Tower.

Box 10: Series VI, Helmsley Medical Tower, 1979-1987

Folder:	Description:
26	Board of Estimate Calendars, City of New York, 1984
27-28	Construction Companies, Applications, 1984
29	Correspondence, 1979-1982

Box 11: Series VI, Helmsley Medical Tower, 1979-1987

Folder:	Description
1	Correspondence, 1983
2-4	Correspondence, 1984
5-8	Correspondence, 1985
9-10	Correspondence, 1986
11	Correspondence, 1987
12	Crow Estimating Consulting Agreement, 1984
13-16	Draft Agreements, 1983-1987
17	Financial Review, 1984
18	Mennen, Irving, Consultant, 1983-1985
19	Otis Elevator, 1985
20	Proposal/Plan of Financing, 1984

Series VII: Major Modernization Records, 1976-1989

This series, arranged alphabetically consists of article 28 and certificate of need applications and other files related to construction renovation projects, equipment requests, and new services for New York Hospital. Of special note are records on the Rogosin Institute, the AIDS Special Studies Center, Hermine Neustadl Stich Radiation Therapy Building, and Warner's Communications Child Life Center.

Box 11: Series VII, Major Modernization Records, 1976-1989

Folder:	Description:
21	Admitting Department, Expansion, 1980
22	AIDS Center, Establishment of, 1986-1989
23	Ambulance Service, New Service, 1981
24	Ambulatory Surgery, New Service, 1986

Box 12: Series VII, Major Modernization Records, 1976-1989

Folder:	Description:
1	Angiographic System, Computerized Digital Subtraction, 1981
2	Angiographic Equipment Replacement, 1981
3	Architects, Applicants, 1979
4	Architect Engineering Approval, 1987
5	Article 28 Surveys, 1981
6	Bedside Cardiac & Ventilator Monitors, Certificate of Need, 1988
7	Biochemical Analyzer, Replacement, 1982
8	Boiler Replacement, Certificate of Need, 1987
9	Cardiac Care Equipment, 1979
10	Cardiac Care Unit, Article 28 Application, 1980
11	Child Psychiatry, Expansion, 1979
12	CT Scanner, 1979
13	CT Scanner, 1980
14	CT Scanner, 1987
15	Dental Facility Upgrade, 1976-1983
16	ECG Equipment, 1979
17	Electrical Distribution Network, 1987
18	Electrical Switchboard, 1979
19	Emergency Room Department, 1986-1987
20	Food Service, Renovation, 1988
21	Hermine Neustadl Stich Radiation Therapy Building, 1982-1984
22	Inpatient Modernization Program, 1982
23	Lab Computer, 1979-1981

24	Lap Computer, 1983
25	Lap Equipment, 1983
26	Management Engineering, 1979
27	Major Modernization, General Correspondence, 1987
28	Major Modernization, Miscellaneous, 1985
29	Major Modernization, Miscellaneous, 1987
30	Neurology Inpatient Activities, 1978

Box 13: Series VII, Major Modernization Records, 1976-1989

Folder:	Description:
1	Nuclear Medicine, Computer, 1982
2	Nuclear Medicine, Expansion, 1981-1982
3-6	Ophthalmology, Renovations, 1980
7-9	Operating Rooms, Modernization, 1978-1980
10	Paging System, 1984-1985
11	Parking Garage, 1983
12	Part Time Clinic, 1988
13	Pediatric Administration, Renovation, 1986
14	Pediatric Ambulatory Care, Renovation, 1987
15	Pedantic Clinical Research Center, Survey, 1979-1982

Box 14: Series VII, Major Modernization Records, 1976-1989

Folder:	Description:
1	Pediatric Endocrinology Ambulatory Care, Renovation, 1982
2	Pediatric Special Care Unit, Expansion and Move, 1981-1984
3	Personnel Health Services, Renovate and Move, 1979-1980
4	Pneumatic Tube System, 1987
5	Polytome Relocation, 1980
6	Powerhouse, Article 28, 1979
7	Program Planners, 1986-1987
10	Radiographic Equipment, 1982

Box 15: Series VII, Major Modernization, 1976-1989

Folder:	Description:
1-3	Rogosin Institute, Article 28 Application, and Establishment, 1979-1983
4	Rogosin Institute, Renal Disease Facility Cost Questionnaire, 1983
5	Rogosin Institute, 1983

Box 16: Series VII, Major Modernization Records, 1976-1989

Folder:	Description:
1	Special Care Units, Article 28 Application, 1981
2	Surgical Special Care Unit, 1979
3	Switchboard, Replacement, 1983
4	Telephone, Replacement, 1988
5-6	Ultrasound, Replacement, 1983
7	Warner's Communications Child Life Center, Construction of, 1982