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The 1902 staff listings for three of Denver's six major hospitals—Arapahoe County Hospital, Mercy Medical and Maternity Sanatorium, and National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives—are all found in the *Colorado Medical Journal* for April 1902. St. Anthony's, St. Joseph's, and St. Luke's Hospitals all seem to have had regular year-round medical and surgical staff members.

The generosity of Denver's physicians and surgeons was a major factor in making hospital services available to the poor and struggling in 1902. Each of the following three hospitals had its own individual rotation schedule that made it possible for doctors to volunteer in ways that didn't put too much of a burden on any one individual.

## **1902 Staff—Arapahoe County Hospital, Denver**

### **Medicine**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Three Months—Dr. William J. Rothwell and Dr. Charles B. Van Zant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Three Months—Dr. Henry Sewall and Dr. Charles A. Graham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Three Months—Dr. Josiah N. Hall and Dr. George E. Tyler
- 4<sup>th</sup> Three Months—Dr. Herbert B. Whitney and Dr. J. Nicholl Vroom
- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months (homeopath)—Dr. George E. Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months (homeopath)—Dr. Edwin J. Clark
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months (homeopath)—Dr. Chauncey E. Tennant

### **Surgery**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Three Months—Dr. Charles B. Lyman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Three Months—Dr. Seymour D. Van Meter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Three Months—Dr. William B. Craig
- 4<sup>th</sup> Three Months—Dr. Leonard Freeman
- 12 Months (homeopath)—Dr. John Wesley Harris

### **Obstetrics**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months—Dr. Laura L. Liebhardt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months—Dr. T. Mitchell Burns
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months—Dr. Thomas E. Taylor
- 12 Months (homeopath)—Dr. Rupert O. Butterfield

### **Gynecology**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Six Months—Dr. Charles S. Elder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Months—Dr. Isaac B. Perkins
- 12 Months (homeopath)—Dr. William R. Welch

### **Diseases of the Eye and Ear**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months—Dr. Edward Jackson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months—Dr. John Chase
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months—Dr. David Coover
- Consultant—Dr. William C. Bane
- 12 Months (homeopath)—Dr. David A. Strickler

### **Genito-Urinary Diseases**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months—Dr. George C. Stemen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months—Dr. John Boice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months—Dr. Sherman Thompson Brown
- 12 Months (homeopath)—Dr. John W. Harris

### **Nervous and Mental Diseases**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Six Months—Dr. Samuel D. Hopkins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Months—Dr. Edward Delehanty
- Consultant—Dr. Howell T. Pershing
- 12 Months (homeopath)—Dr. Charles W. Enos

### **Diseases of the Nose and Throat**

- 12 Months—Dr. Robert Levy
- 12 Months (homeopath)—Dr. Grant S. Peck

### **Pathologists**

- Dr. John A. Wilder
- Dr. Phillip Hillkowitz

### **Orthopedic Surgery**

- Dr. George B. Packard

### **Dermatology**

- Dr. James M. Blaine

### **Dentistry**

- Dr. S. Riche Loustano, DDS

## 1902 Staff—Mercy Medical and Maternity Sanatorium, Denver

Less than six months after the Sisters of Mercy opened Mercy Medical and Maternity Sanatorium, the Sisters bought six additional lots at 16<sup>th</sup> and Fillmore, about two blocks south of Denver's City Park. The sanatorium quickly began evolving from a facility for delivering babies and for patients with mental health problems into a general hospital.

In 1903, the Denver City Council approved the Sisters' application to become a general hospital.

. . . we shall have a hospital well furnished and equipped for wider opportunities. It will be noted that a departure has been made in the appointment of the staff. A large majority of the members are those who are not connected with any existing hospital in this city. This is as it should be; the wider spread the opportunities are, the better for the profession at large.

A concentration of the medical control of a number of hospitals into the hands of a few men, while desirable for them to extend and add directly to their pecuniary profit, is not so advantageous to the profession at large. It is to be hoped that the change thus begun will be further carried out in the future by other institutions as they are established.<sup>1</sup>

Denver's new Mercy Medical and Maternity Sanatorium had opened in November 1901, and in February 1902, its medical staff was formally organized. Dr. Edgar P. Hershey (MD 1888, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia) was first staff president (1902–1905), and Dr. Elmer A. Scherrer (MD 1897, Washington University, St. Louis) was secretary.

### Medicine

- January and February—Dr. Claude E. Cooper
- March and April—Dr. George E. Tyler
- May and June—Dr. Josiah N. Hall
- July and August—Dr. Moses Kleiner
- September and October—Dr. Adolf Zederbaum
- November and December—Dr. Edgar P. Hershey
- Consultants—Drs. Patrick V. Carlin, Henry Sewall, and Arnold. Stedman

### Surgery

- January to April—Dr. Aubrey H. Williams
- April to July—Dr. Samuel B. Childs
- July to October—Dr. Lewis H. Kemble
- October to January—Dr. John S. Miller
- Consultants—Drs. William P. Munn and John W. O'Connor

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<sup>1</sup> *Colorado Medical Journal*, April 1902, pages 163–164.

## **Gynecology**

- January to May—Dr. Elmer A. Scherrer
- May to September—Dr. Clarence L. Wheaton
- September to January— Dr. George C. Stemen
- Consultants—Drs. Carey K. Fleming and William S. Bagot

## **Orthopedic Surgery**

- Dr. John Nicholl Vroom

## **Obstetrics**

- January to July—Dr. Frank W. Kenney
- July to January—Dr. T. Mitchell Burns

## **Neurology**

- January to July—Dr. Samuel D. Hopkins
- July to January—Dr. Arthur McGugan

## **Pediatrics**

- January to July—Dr. Lewis B. Brasher
- July to January—Dr. Charles A. Graham

## **Ophthalmology**

- January to July—Dr. Edmund W. Stevens
- July to January—Dr. Edward Jackson

## **Otology**

- Dr. David H. Coover

## **Laryngology**

- January to July—Dr. William K. Robinson
- July to January—Dr. Robert Levy

## **Dermatology**

- Dr. James M. Blaine

## **Alternates**

- In Surgery—Dr. Albert Silverstein
- In Neurology—Dr. George A. Moleen

At the time, Denver's physicians were informally classified into two groups—the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Group and the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Group—and 37 of them had patients at Mercy Medical and Maternity Sanatorium during its first year.

Kemp Cooper—son of Claude E. Cooper, MD, one of the staff physicians—was the first baby born (in May 1902) at what in 1903 became Mercy Hospital. Kemp Cooper, MD, himself eventually became a staff physician at Mercy Hospital.

## 1902 Staff—National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives

The National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives added a new kitchen, dining room, and laundry in 1902, and work was begun on the new Guggenheim Pavilion, which opened in 1903. The unpaid volunteer staff at National Jewish in 1902:

### Medical Advisory Board

- Dr. John Elsner (chair)
- Dr. Saling Simon (secretary)
- Dr. Moses Kleiner

### Medicine

- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months—Drs. John Elsner, Seymour Jarecki, and William Beggs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months—Drs. Saling Simon, Adolf Zederbaum, and Charles Van Zant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months—Drs. Moses Kleiner, Herbert Whitney, and Herbert McLauthlin

### Surgery

- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months—Dr. Leonard Freeman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months—Dr. John Boice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months—Dr. William Craig

### Gynecology

- 1<sup>st</sup> Six Months—Dr. Horace Wetherill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Months—Dr. Thomas Hawkins

### Obstetrics

- 1<sup>st</sup> Six Months—Dr. Minnie C.T. Love
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Months—Dr. T Mitchell Burns

### Rhinology and Laryngology

- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months—Dr. William Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months—Dr. Harry Howland
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months—Dr. Robert Levy

### Ophthalmology and Otology

- 1<sup>st</sup> Four Months—Dr. David Coover
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Four Months—Dr. William Bane
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Four Months—Dr. Melville Black

### Neurology

- 1<sup>st</sup> Six Months—Dr. Bernard Oettinger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Months—Dr. William Rothwell

**Bacteriology and Pathology**

- Dr. Philip Hillkowitz

**Dermatology**

- Dr. James M. Blaine

**Dentistry**

- Dr. George J. Hartung