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**Finding Aid To  
THE ELLIOT HOCHSTEIN, MD (1908-1971) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:  
1949-1971**

**20 Linear Inches  
(4 Boxes)**

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## Provenance

This collection was given to the Medical Archives by Mrs. Elliot Hochstein in May of 1979. Included in the original accession were several packages of illustrations prepared for use in the book Physical Diagnosis, both the first edition in 1964 and the planned second edition. The illustrations had been enlarged and mounted on cardboard. Since most of these were used in the book, all were discarded except four that were kept as examples. The galley proofs for Physical Diagnosis were also discarded, since they are essentially the same as the published book.

## Biography

Elliot Hochstein was born November 10, 1908 in New York City. He received all of his schooling there, graduating from Townsend Harris High School in 1925, Columbia University in 1928 (Phi Beta Kappa) and New York University Medical College in 1932. Before leaving medical school, he married Rose Korchin, and in 1945 she gave birth to their only child, Amy. After graduation, Dr. Hochstein went into general practice. During World War II he was a Major in the Air Force. In 1950 he began his association with New York Hospital and Cornell University Medical College. Upon his death on May 2, 1971, he was Clinical Professor of Medicine and an Attending Physician at New York Hospital. His main interest was internal medicine, with a specialty in cardiology.

From the beginning of his tenure at the Medical College, he was involved in teaching the 2nd Year Physical Diagnosis course. He had a great love of students and teaching and sought to keep his lectures lively by using up-to-date information and modern methods to relay that information. He was responsible for the renovation of an auditorium in the Department of Medicine to include special audio-visual equipment that allows each student to hear from their seats normal and abnormal heart sounds and patterns and to palpate the chest.

Dr. Hochstein's devotion to teaching was rewarded, albeit posthumously, when the Class of 1971 and the Alpha Omega Alpha Chapter at Cornell (Dr. Hochstein had been an honorary member) established the Annual Elliot Hochstein Teaching Award. This is presented each year to the member of the faculty that the graduating class considers to have contributed the most to their educational experience.

Dr. Hochstein was a member of many medical groups: F.A.C.P.; Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine; Fellow, N.Y. Academy of Medicine; and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. He published many articles on cardiology, physical diagnosis and other topics. In 1964 he co-authored Physical Diagnosis: A Textbook and Workbook in Methods of Clinical Evaluation (McGraw-Hill) with Dr. Albert Rubin. He was working on a second edition of this volume at the time of his death.

The 1963 Samaritan, the student yearbook, was dedicated to Dr. Hochstein and contains an excellent detailing of his life and career up to that year.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection is composed largely of drafts of Drs. Hochstein and Rubin's book Physical Diagnosis (Box 3 & 4). Other material consists of notes on various topics that might either have served as lecture notes or as preliminary outlines for the book, or both. One senses that Hochstein worked for many years refining his notes before the publication date of 1964. Indeed, Physical Diagnosis grew out of the perception that a new text was needed for the course Hochstein taught on diagnosis. Box 1 contains "Exercises in Physical Diagnosis", written in 1955 by Drs. Hochstein, Rubin and Barr for use in the Second Year class (f.12). There are also two folders called "exercises in Physical Diagnosis" (Box 1, f.10 & 11) that have no date, but that relate closely to the book Physical Diagnosis. These twenty-four (24) sections contain the answers to the questions asked in the Supplementary Study portion of each chapter in the book. However, there are many more answers given in these files than the published volume of 1964 had questions.

Among the folders not relating to the book, there are files of lectures and teaching schedules, and correspondence (Box 1, f.7) containing references to Dr. Hochstein's participation in curriculum review and how the Physical Diagnosis course fit in. This file also contains non-Medical Center correspondence, including a letter of condolence to Dr. Hochstein's wife upon his death in May 1971. Finally, there is the script of the film "No Less Than Life" (Box 2, f.5), which reflects on Dr. Hochstein's importance to the Center up until his death. A print of this film is in the Archives' Film Collection.

### Non-Manuscript Material

This collection came with five framed photographs and several loose pictures. These are of Dr. Hochstein while teaching, or posed, and of his students and colleagues: David Barr, Harlow Brooks and Claude Forkner, Sr.. They have been placed in the Archives' Photograph Collection as the Hochstein Personal Collection. [See photo catalog]

### Subjects

Awards  
Cardiology Curriculum Neurology  
"No Less Than Life"  
Reprints  
Student Affairs

### Container List Box 1

- f.1 Abdomen
- f.2 Books for review, 1957-1969.
- f.3 Cardiology: American College of Physicians T.V. Program, April, 1966--  
Questions directed at Drs. Hochstein and Harvey re: cardiac auscultation.
- f.4 Cardio-simulator course for school physicians--Syllabi & test, 1967-1969.
- f.5 Cardiology--Lecture notes on heart failure, c1962-1965.
- f.6 Cardiology--Lectures notes on physical diagnosis, 1965-1966.
- f.7 Correspondence and memos re: curriculum, meetings, auditorium & books, 1956-1971.
- f.8 "Direction for Examining Patients", CUMC, rev. 1949 & "Physical Diagnosis" pamphlet, n.d. w/notes by EH.
- f.9 Endocrinology, diabetes, steroids--Lecture notes, n.d.
- f.10-11 "Exercises in Physical Diagnosis", #1-24, n.d.
- f.12 "Exercises in Physical Diagnosis" w/Drs. Rubin and David Barr, 1955.
- f.13 Heart, general & pulmonary hypertension--Notes, c1965.
- f.14 History taking--Forms, reprints on, 1949-1965.

### Box 2

- f.1 Inspection and palpitation of the heart & lists of films & publications from American Heart Association, 1954-1965.
- f.2 Lung diseases--Notes, n.d.
- f.3 Mitral valve--Notes, reprints, c1956-1958.
- f.4 Neurology--"Outline of Neurological Examination", c1954, 1964 & "Clinical Sessions, #2-8 ", n.d.
- f.5 "No Less Than Life"--Script and correspondence, Feb.-May, 1971.
- f.6 Notes on various subjects.
- f.7 Notes on Heart Murmurs (for Chapter XVIII of Physical Diagnosis), n.d.
- f.8 Physical diagnosis course--Correspondence re: schedules, student lists, 1955-1965.
- f.9-10 Physical diagnosis course, First Year, 1969-1971.
- f.11 Physical diagnosis course--Notes and Exams, 1965-1970.
- f.12 Physical diagnosis of the heart--Lecture on cardio-vascular, n.d.
- f.13 Physical diagnosis course, Third Year--Notes and Schedules, 1969.

### Box 3

- f.1 Physical signs--Notes.
- f.2 Press. and heart--Notes.
- f.3 Press. and pulse--Notes.
- f.4 Pulmonary function--Notes.
- f.5 Reprints by Hochstein.
- f.6 Reprints by others, Inscribed by authors.

Box 3 (cont)

- f.7 SCANTime Project of the Institute for Cultural Exchange thru Photography--Letters about this and re: AV equipment, June-July 1965.
- f.8 Skin--Notes, reprints, n.d.
- f.9 Student, third year--Schedules, lists of students, memos re: tutors, 1951-196
- f.10 Students, fourth year--Schedules, Comprehensive Care Program, 1951-1962, ±970
- f.11 Physical Diagnosis--Answers to questions at end of chapters by Sidney Greenblatt, 1964.
- f.12 Letters of thanks for complimentary copies of Physical Diagnosis, 1964.
- f.13 Permission letters for textbook diagrams & letters from publishers, 1963-1965
- f.14- Physical Diagnosis--Drafts, Chapters 1 and 2. 15

Box 4

- f.1-11 Physical Diagnosis--Drafts, Chapters 3-8, 10-14.
- f.12 Physical Diagnosis--Misc. papers for second edition.
- f.13- " Physical Diagnosis--Revisions to text, Chapters, 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11, & 13. 21
- f.22 Physical Diagnosis--Originals of photocopied 2nd edition papers.

Book: Physical Diagnosis by Drs. Hochstein and Rubin