

Will Rogers Memorial Hospital. Saranac Lake



Photograph of the Will Rogers Memorial Hospital in Saranac Lake, New York. The Will Rogers Memorial Hospital was founded in 1927 by the National Vaudeville Artists in order to treat tuberculosis patients. The National Vaudeville Artists transferred responsibilities of the hospital to the Will Rogers Memorial Commission in 1936 due to financial difficulties during the Great Depression. The hospital expanded its focus during the 1950's and 60's. During this time, the hospital began training and teaching programs for medical research. Pulmonary research became a primary concern for the hospital. The research resulted in finding effective treatments for tuberculosis which led to the closing of the hospital in 1975.

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