Historical Review

The Rule Book of the accredited Sestre milosrdnice Sv. Vinka Paulskog General Hospital in Zagreb was published in Liječnicki vjesnik seventy years ago. This historically interesting document elaborates organizational aspects of our Hospital as well as the organization of healthcare services in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia and Savska banovina including Zagreb and our Hospital. Comparison of data on the structure, financing, physician salaries, hospital charges, etc. with current situation would certainly yield quite intriguing results. At the time, our Hospital had 939 beds, seven departments, radiology unit, autopsy room and pharmacy. For example, surgical department had 223 beds and included division of gynecology and urology, while department of ophthalmology had 276 beds, most of them at trachoma division. At the time, trachoma was a widely spread contagious disease of eyelids. From the current view, it is a true pleasure to read about the then head of the Hospital being obliged to take care about professional needs, including not only drugs and instruments, but also professional books and journals.

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