

Talk

Hands of Iron – A history of midwifery in Glasgow

Thursday 5 May 2022

6pm - 8pm | Adults | Hybrid event

It's often forgotten that the field of midwifery, and more broadly obstetrics and gynaecology, has a unique relationship to Glasgow's medical heritage. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow was one of the earliest corporations to recognise and regulate midwives, and several of its notable members were leaders in the development of obstetrics, including William Hunter and William Smellie. Join us as we reflect on the history of childbirth in Glasgow and discuss the significance of the city in the development of midwifery.

Celebrating the International Day of the Midwife.

Talk

Reframed - Finding the patient in medical heritage collections

Thursday 2 June 2022

6pm - 8pm | Adults | Hybrid event

The medical heritage archive is a wonderful place to research and explore the history of medicine and medical professionals. However, how often do we locate the experience of the patient within medical archives? Join the College Heritage Team in conversation with Dr Gillean McDougall as we consider medical heritage from a 'bottom-up' perspective, examining the possibilities and limitations of exploring the patient's voice within our collections.

Talk

The Goodall Symposium - Changing Minds: Neurosurgery and Psychiatry in 1950s and 60s Glasgow

Wednesday 22 June 2022

6pm - 8pm | Adults | Hybrid event

During the mid-20th century Glasgow became a world leader in the fields of neurosurgery and psychiatry with some of the greatest minds working to change approaches to therapy and surgical techniques. This year our Goodall Symposium looks at the work of three of these great minds - R.D. Laing, Joseph Schorstein, and James Sloan Robertson.

Visit the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

If you are interested in booking a group tour of our museum or would like to use the library and archive for your research, please get in touch to arrange your visit.

The College is fully accessible for wheelchair users and there is an easy-access toilet.

Covid-19: Please note that this is strictly by appointment only and some social distancing restrictions will be in place.

You can also visit our website for our digital exhibitions, heritage blog, podcasts and videos, digitised collections, and catalogues: <https://heritage.rcpsg.ac.uk/>

Events: How to book

Places at all events are subject to availability so please make sure you book in advance.

To book your place please

Visit our website: rcpsg.ac.uk/heritage-events

Email: library@rcpsg.ac.uk

Call: 0141 221 6072

Unless otherwise stated all our events take place at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 232-242 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5RJ.

We know that small changes and shared learning can make a huge difference in the provision of healthcare, especially when enacted with compassion. At the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow we have witnessed this worldwide. The HOPE Foundation enables the College and its members to act upon this knowledge by providing philanthropic support to charitable health initiatives.

100% of donations to HOPE go directly towards health-related projects locally, nationally and internationally. To find out more and to support the HOPE Foundation, visit:

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Cover image - Jamini Sen, first female Fellow of the College, 1912

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January – July 2022



Crush Hall Exhibition

Words of Hope and Kindness

From September 2021

“Only upon this hope I rest...
That in goodwill and love I have done this”
- Peter Lowe, 1597

When the College's founder Peter Lowe wrote about his motivations to improve standards of healthcare in the 16th century, his words were about hope and humanity, as much as learning and practice. These words of kindness are echoed through the centuries by the physicians and surgeons of Glasgow. Our exhibition gives voice to these expressions of hope and humanity, as we live through and recover from the Covid pandemic.

College Hall Exhibition

Admitting Women

From December 2021

In 2018, the College elected its first female president, Professor Jackie Taylor. In celebration of this significant moment in the College's 420-year history, the 'Admitting Women' exhibition introduces four new contemporary artworks to the illustrious College Hall, in recognition of the lives and achievements of four incredible doctors who fought for gender equality within the College in the late 19th and early 20th centuries: Elizabeth Adelaide Baker, Dr Jessie MacLaren MacGregor, Dr Anne Louise McIlroy and, the College's first female fellow, Jamini Sen.

Events

Reframed – A history of the first South Asian Licentiates

Thursday 24 February 2022

2pm – 4pm | Adults | Hybrid event

In partnership with the University of Strathclyde and Museum Galleries Scotland, this talk explores the history of the first South Asian Licentiates at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. As one of the oldest medical bodies in Britain, the College was inextricably linked to the British Empire, and its global reach extended far beyond the immediate medical community of Glasgow. Join us as we trace the experiences of South Asian practitioners in Scotland and examine the College's historic relationship with race, colonialism and Empire.

In collaboration with the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Scottish Heritage project.

Workshop

Explore our collections – an introduction to medical heritage archives

Monday 7 - Thursday 10 March 2022

Afternoons (full details online) | UG/PG students

In-person event

Join the Heritage Team at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow for an introductory workshop on our extensive medical heritage collections. Learn from our experts about conducting research using medical heritage collections and find out more about items related to your own studies – or maybe even inspiration for your next big project!

This event is tailored towards third- and fourth-year undergraduate students and postgraduate researchers within medical humanities, but is open to **anyone** with a passion for histories of health and medicine interested in accessing medical heritage archives.

Talk

Finding ‘the Perfect Disease’ – The history of vaccination in Glasgow

Thursday 21 March 2022

6pm - 8pm | Adults | Hybrid event

In 1796, Edward Jenner discovered the first vaccine for small pox: a devastating, disfiguring, and deadly disease which wrecked its way through 18th century British society. Jenner's discovery transformed humanity's fight against infectious disease as vaccination gradually became safer, more effective, and an essential part of public health. Join us as we welcome Dr Deborah Brunton to explore the history of vaccination in Glasgow in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, examining the role of vaccination within the College and its collections.

Talk

Happiness is the best medicine – the Mearns Kirk Collection

Thursday 14 April 2022

6pm - 8pm | Adults | Hybrid event

In an age of self-care - where recreation and relaxation is considered central to maintaining our health and wellbeing - to what extent was happiness used as a form of therapy within medicine throughout history? We are joined by Dr Mara Dougall to discuss the relationship between happiness and medicine through the unique Mearns Kirk collection: a children's hospital set up in 1930 primarily treating tuberculosis, whose vibrant spirit, innovative therapies, and commitment to recreation created a culture of joy, contentment and wellbeing for its patients.

Open Afternoon

Capturing the spirit of Mearns Kirk Hospital

Thursday 21 April 2022

2pm - 4pm | All welcome | In-person event

Get hands-on with the Mearns Kirk collection by attending this interactive workshop. Guided by our heritage team, explore our vast collection of photographs, letters, drawings and more! Help us capture the spirit of Mearns Kirk by reflecting on what 'happiness is the best medicine' meant in the past, and means in the present.

In partnership with the BBC 'Art that Made Us' Festival.