



**The Medical World of Early Modern Ireland, 1500-1750**  
**The Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, 3-4 September 2015**

**Conference Programme**

***Thursday, 3 September***

**9.45-10** - *Opening Remarks*

**10-11.30** - *Session One*

Marc Caball (University College Dublin) - Transforming Tradition in the British Atlantic: Patrick Browne (c.1720-1790), an Irish Botanist and Physician in the West Indies

Jose Prats Martin (Queen's University Belfast) - Irish Practitioners in late 18th-century Central America: the Case of Juan Mac Ymery

Alice Marples (King's College London) - Medical Practitioners as Collectors and Communicators of Natural History in Ireland, 1680-1750

**11.30-12** - *Tea/Coffee*

**12-1.30** - *Session Two*

Gaye Ashford (Dublin City University) - 'God's Most Precious Gift': Children's Health Care in Ireland, 1690-1750

Phil Gorey (University College Dublin) - The Ecclesiastical and Institutional Regulation of Midwives in Ireland c. 1600-1750

Clodagh Tait (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick) - 'Measles of a very different kind...and the Disease more mortal than ordinary': Causes of Death in some Seventeenth-century Irish Parish Registers

**1.30-2.30** - *Lunch*

**2.30-4** - *Session Three*

Neil Johnston (University College Dublin) - 'Being of full age and sound memory': Contemporary Understanding of Mental Health in later Seventeenth-century Ireland

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Susan Mullaney (Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland) - 'To Enlarge the Minds of Many Physicians': The Application of Robert Boyle's Theory of Specific Medicines in Early Modern Ireland

Michael O'Dowd (NUI Galway) - James Wolveridge's *Speculum Matricis* (1670)

**4-4.30** - *Tea/Coffee*

**4.30** - *Keynote Address*

Marian Lyons (Maynooth University) - The Professionalization of Medical Practice in Seventeenth-century Ireland

*Conference Dinner*

**Friday, 4 September**

**9.30-11** - *Session Four*

Presentations by the research team on the Early Modern Practitioners Project at the University of Exeter

**11-11.30** - *Tea/Coffee*

**11.30-1** - *Session Five*

Elizabethanne Boran (The Edward Worth Library) - Collecting Medicine in Early Eighteenth-Century Dublin: Edward Worth's Library

Katherine Browne (Trinity College Dublin) - The Establishment of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland: Defining Surgical Training and Competence

Andrew Sneddon (University of Ulster) - Demonic Possession, Witchcraft and Medicine in late Seventeenth-century Ireland

**1-2** - *Lunch*

**2-2.45** - *Documentary*

Advance screening of a forthcoming TG4 documentary on a late medieval medical textbook, the *Book of the O'Lees*

**2.45-4.15** - *Session Six*

Aine Sheehan (University College Cork) - Locating Gaelic Medical Families in Elizabethan Ireland

Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair (Royal Irish Academy) - Restoring the Anatomy - the Reconstruction of a Late Medieval Irish Surgical Text

Benjamin Hazard (University College Dublin) - Spanish Military Hospitals in Flanders and Ireland, 1585-1685

**4.15-4.30** - *Closing Remarks*

This conference is taking place as part of the **Early Modern Practitioners** project at the University of Exeter.

For more information and to register your attendance, visit the conference webpage:

[http://humanities.exeter.ac.uk/history/research/centres/medicalhistory/newsandevents/events/medical\\_world\\_early\\_modern\\_ireland](http://humanities.exeter.ac.uk/history/research/centres/medicalhistory/newsandevents/events/medical_world_early_modern_ireland)