

John O'Brien

Born: 1786
President: 1824-1825
Died: 1845

John O'Brien graduated MD from Trinity College Dublin in 1808. Following his qualification, he served in the British Army. He was appointed Second Assistant Surgeon in May 1809, but resigned his position in April of the following year. He returned to Dublin, starting a practice on Ardee Street. He became a Licentiate of this College in 1812, was elected a Fellow in 1817, President in 1824 and an Honorary Fellow in 1840. He served as Librarian to the College for five years from 1840 until his death.

O'Brien lectured in medicine in the Moore Street School, but his private practice does not seem to have been very large.¹ His most erudite publication was a work on *The acute and chronic dysentery of Ireland* (1822). He also compiled a number of epidemiological reports based on cases he was involved in treating in Cork Street Fever Hospital extending over the period 1814 to 1837.

O'Brien died at his home on Ardee Street in 1845 at the age of 64 years.

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¹ John O'Brien Card, Kirkpatrick Index

