

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

ACC/1932/1



Papers of the Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee collected by their long serving secretary Richard Atkinson Hayes. Papers cover the period 1877 to 1932.

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DCHC
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Collection
1877-1932

Extent:

1 box

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
Hayes, Richard Atkinson, 1850-1940

Description:

The papers of the Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee collected by Richard Hayes, secretary of the committee from 1881 to 1932. The majority of the material is a series of correspondence files covering issues relating to the administration of hospital training for medical students, and subjects to be discussed by the Committee. There is also a small collection of accounts and agreements made by the constituent hospitals of the committee, and the committee's minute book.

Arrangement:

Material has been divided into five sections by record type; Fee Agreement; Correspondence; Accounts; Memorandums of Agreements and Minute Books.

Administrative History:

The Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee originated in a meeting held at the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland in 1877 when ten Dublin hospitals (Adelaide Hospital, City of Dublin Hospital, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Jervis Street Hospital, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Meath Hospital, Mercer's Hospital, the House of Industry Hospitals, Dr Steeven's Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital) agreed to a standard fee for students and apprentices in hospitals. Following on for this meeting a committee was formed in 1880 to agree united action on various topics, including fees, the type of courses to be given and how hospitals could advertise. The committee membership expanded over time with the inclusion of the Rotunda Hospital and National Maternity Hospital.

The Committee could only meet if the medical board of one of the ten constituent hospital passed a resolution asking for a meeting to be called to discuss a specific issue. Once a resolution has been made by the Committee the medical boards of the constituent hospitals had to adopt the resolution, which would only come into force if adopted by a majority of the medical boards. The Committee's business was managed by an appointed secretary, the first secretary was Christopher John Nixon, on his retirement in 1881 he was replaced by Richard Hayes who remained in the post until 1932.

Acquisition:

The correspondence, collected by Richard Hayes during his time as secretary, was given into the safe keeping of the Registrar of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland in 1932, as the College already held the agreements signed by the Committee. At the same time the minute books of the Committee were also deposited with the College.

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DCHC/1
Medical Students' Fee Agreement

File
30 July 1877

Extent:

2 pages

Creators:

Adelaide Hospital
City of Dublin Hospital
Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital
Jervis Street Hospital
Mater Misericordiae Hospital
Meath Hospital
Mercer's Hospital
Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwick Hospitals
Dr Steeven's Hospital
St. Vincent's Hospital

Description:

Agreement between the ten Dublin clinical hospitals abolishing the practice of taking perpetual pupils and setting the fees for all hospital students and apprentices at twelve guineas for nine months, eight guineas for six months and five guineas for three months.

**DCHC/2
Correspondence**

**Series
1880-1932**

Extent:
22 files

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:
Files of correspondence on various topics discussed by the Committee and its constituent hospitals, mostly relating to resolutions passed by the committee.

Arrangement:
Files are arranged chronologically.

DCHC/2/1 Certificate in ophthalmic surgery 1880-1881

Extent:
36 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:
File of correspondence between the Committee and its constituent hospitals discussing whether the 1877 agreement allowed for an additional charge to be made for a certificate in ophthalmic surgery.

File also contains printed copies of the resolution passed by the Committee, stating that an additional fee could be charged, signed by the medical boards of each of the hospitals.

DCHC/2/2 Fees 1881-1924

Extent:
54 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

File of correspondence between the Standing Committee and its constituent hospitals relating to the payment of fees by medical students. Under an agreement of 1877 (DCHC/1) the fee was set at 12 guineas for nine months, eight guineas for six months and five guineas for three months by all the hospitals. Letters relate to a proposal by the Committee to reduce the fee and insist on full payment of the fee in advance. Also some letters from the hospitals asking if they can reduce or waive the fee in certain circumstances.

DCHC/2/3 Committee membership

1881-1897

Extent:

8 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

Correspondence between the Committee and its constituent hospitals relating to membership and the appointment of a secretary. File also contains lists of names and addresses of [hospital representatives]

DCHC/2/4 Certificates in ophthalmology and practical pharmacy

1887-1888

Extent:

9 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

File of correspondence between the Committee and its constituent hospitals relating to the need for certificates in ophthalmology and practical pharmacy required under the New Conjoint Examination Board, and what, if any, fees can be charged.

DCHC/2/5 Proposal for systematic lectures in hospitals April 1892

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
St Vincent's Hospital

Description:
Letter from Vincent's Hospital to the Committee enclosing a printed letter from the Hospital, announcing their intention to apply to the College of Surgeons for official recognition of a systematic course of lectures in medicine and surgery they intend to deliver, with reply.

DCHC/2/6 Discontinuing of advertising in lay publications 1895-1896

Extent:
11 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:
Letters from the constituent hospitals agreeing to the resolution of the Committee that advertising in lay papers should be discontinued as '*it would be in keeping with the dignity of the Dublin School of Medicine*' to do so.

DCHC/2/7 Discontinuing of advertising courses in shop windows 1897-1902

Extent:
18 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:
Letters from the constituent hospitals agreeing to resolutions of the committee in 1897 and 1900 that

they will discontinue the practice of advertising courses in shop windows.

DCHC/2/8 Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897 1898-1899

Extent:
5 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
Belfast Royal Hospital

Description:
Letter from the Belfast Royal Hospital to the Committee asking what is their policy on issuing and charging for certificates of injury needed under the Workmen's Compensation Act. File also contains letter from the committee to its constituent hospitals asking what is their opinion on this issue.

DCHC/2/9 Tuberculosis 1908, 1912-1913

Extent:
30 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
Local Government Board for Ireland

Description:
Correspondence between the Committee, its constituent hospitals and the Local Government Board about the introduction of a post-graduate course of clinical instruction in tuberculosis, with plans for where, and how, a course was to be taught, with proofs of prospectus. It seems that the course was never taught. File also contains an early letter (1908) giving the Committee's views of Lady Aberdeen's Committee on tuberculosis. Also letters from 1913 about the fees for sanatorium patients.

DCHC/2/10 Interference with students attendance 1908-1911

Extent:

8 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

Letters from the constituent hospitals relating to the hours lectures are given in the medical schools, also a resolution of the committee that the interference in the attendance of students at the hospitals caused by the lecture times of the Dublin Medical Schools be referred to the General Medical Council.

DCHC/2/11 Certificate in anaesthetics 1909-1910

Extent:

13 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

File of correspondence between the Committee and its constituent hospitals about the advisability of introducing a separate certificate in anaesthetics, and what charge should be made for this.

DCHC/2/12 Recording attendance at hospitals February - April 1910

Extent:

4 items

Creator:

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
School of Physic in Ireland

Description:

Letters between the Mater, the Committee and the School of Physic at Trinity College Dublin about the need to accurately record attendance of medical

students in hospitals, and how this is best to be accomplished.

DCHC/2/13 National Insurance Acts, 1913 1913-1916

Extent:
31 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
National Health Insurance Commission

Description:
File of letters relating to the charges to be levied for the issuing of certificates under the National Insurance Acts, 1913.

A second set of letters relating to registration of doctors undertaking medical certification under the National Insurance Acts

DCHC/2/14 Clinical Teachers in the School of Surgery March - August 1914

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Description:
Correspondence between the College of Surgeons and the Committee relating to the College's invitation for staff at clinical hospitals to become clinical teachers in the school of surgery '*with a view to extending the grant obtained from the Department of Agriculture*'. The Committee passed a resolution that the hospitals were free to do so, and that should receive no less than 50% of the grant, this was passed by all the hospital boards.

DCHC/2/15 Effects of World War I 1914-1918

Extent:

11 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

File of letters relating to changes caused by the outbreak of war and shortages of medical staff, including the treatment of wounded soldiers in Dublin hospitals, the shortening of attendance hours in hospitals required by medical schools and the signing of post mortem reports by students not registered at that hospital.

DCHC/2/16 Mr Exham's Scheme for South African scholarship students January - July 1916

Extent:

18 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

File of correspondence between the Committee and its constituent hospitals about the proposal of Mr Exham that students holding South African scholarships be exempt from paying the fees usually charged by the hospitals to medical students.

Trinity College Dublin offered Scholarships to students from South Africa who wanted to study medicine as at the time there was no medical training available in their country.

This proposal split the committee and was submitted twice for consideration.

DCHC/2/19 Dental students

March 1925

Extent:

3 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
Trinity College Dublin

Description:

Letters between the Committee and Trinity College about a fee for hospital attendance for dental students for two winter sessions only.

DCHC/2/20 Specialist certificates

**March - June
1928**

Extent:

14 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

Letters relating to the scale of charges for the special certificates in Children's Diseases, Skin Diseases, Diseases of the Throat, Ear and Nose and Venereal Diseases.

DCHC/2/21 Transfer of papers

10 May 1932

Extent:

4 items

Creator:

Hayes, Richard Atkinson, 1850-1940
Kirkpatrick, Thomas Percy Claude, 1869-1954

Description:

Letter from Hayes, as retiring secretary of the Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee, depositing the minute books and correspondence of the Committee into the care of Kirkpatrick as Registrar of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland

DCHC/2/22 Miscellaneous letters

1894-1913

Extent:

15 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

Letters not identified as belonging to any of the other files, many just acknowledged receipt of a letter, with other unidentified documents.

**DCHC/3
Accounts**

**File
1877-1928**

Extent: 15 items

Creator:
Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:
Bills for expenses incurred by the secretary of the Committee, with related letters.

DCHC/4
Memorandums of Agreements

File
1921-1924

Extent: 56 items

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee
Local Sanitary Authorities

Description:

Series of memorandum of agreement made between the constituent hospitals of the committee and various Sanitary Authorities in Ireland. Agreement are for the sending of patients by the sanitary authorities to the hospitals, terms of admission and charges.

DCHC/5
Minute book

Item
22 June 1877 - 15 March 1928

Extent: c.300 pages

Creator:

Dublin Clinical Hospitals Standing Committee

Description:

Minute book of the committee, minutes give names of those present at the meetings and the business transacted. The volume also contains letters, newspaper cuttings and other documents relating to the committee or the subjects under discussion.