Papers relating to the Conjoint Examinations Board Ireland run by the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. Papers relating to the relationship between the College of Physicians and the Apothecaries, especially through their representative body the Apothecaries Hall. Papers relating to the publication of the Dublin Pharmacopoeia. Papers relating to the College’s opinion on various pieces of legislation and papers relating to the management of medical education and registration. Papers relating to events run by the College, College history and ephemera. Papers relating to the College’s role in providing higher medical training.

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February 2011
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RCPI/10
Conjoint Examinations Board Ireland

1859-1971
Section

Extent:
1 box

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Under the Medical Act (1858) provisions were made for the establishing of conjoint boards of two or more Colleges, under the direction of the General Medical Council, to conduct examinations which could be registered under the act. Between 1859 and 1886 several attempts were made to form a conjoint board in Ireland, eventually in 1886 the Conjoint Examinations Board Ireland was set up by the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. The board conducted preliminary examinations and final medical and surgical examinations, with examiners coming from the two Colleges. Over time a number of specialised Diplomas were also offered by the Conjoint Examinations Board. The College of Surgeons became the main teaching institution for the Joint Board. This sections contains the small number of records about the Conjoint Examinations Board preserved by the College of Physicians, the majority relate the establishment of the Board in the 1880s, there are also a series of correspondence files, mainly from the 1950s-60s relating to the Joint Diplomas.

Arrangement:
Records have been divided by type and arranged chronologically, some sub-sections have further divisions.
RCPI Archive - Part V

RCPI/10/1
Establishment of the Conjoint Board

1859-1915
Series

Extent: 10 files

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the various attempts between 1859 and 1886 to establish a
conjoint board, with additional papers relating to changes to the way the Board
conducted its business.

Arrangement:
Files are arranged chronologically.

RCPI/10/1/1 Draft Proposal for Co-operation
11 November 1859

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland
Corrigan, Sir Dominic, 1802-1880

Description:
Draft proposal for co-operating with the Royal
College of Surgeons Ireland in the Examinations of
Candidates for the Licences of the two Colleges to
practice physic and surgery respectively. With
recommendations of the General Medical Council
on Education and Examinations.

RCPI/10/1/2 Draft letter to the General Medical Council
12 February 1870

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland
General Medical Council
Description:
Draft letter from the President of the College, James Little, to the chairman of the Committee on Professional Education regarding a letter of July 1869 asking for a 'proposal for a conjoint examining board for ... Ireland', the College maintain that they 'are, at present, not prepared to admit' that such a board is the best way to conduct examinations and so are not prepared to enter into details of how this might be carried out.

RCPI/10/1/3  Conference of Delegates

Extent:
300 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Minutes of a Conference of Delegates from the College of Surgeons, College of Physicians, Trinity College and Queen's University held between November 1870 and January 1871 with a view to establishing the desirability of establishing a joint examining board. Also minutes of a conference of the College of Surgeons, College of Physicians, Trinity College and the Apothecaries Hall held between May 1874 and February 1874 to draw up proposals for the establishment of a joint examinations board, for report of this committee see RCPI/10/1/5.

RCPI/10/1/4  Correspondence

Extent:
20 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
File of correspondence relating to the conference held in 1873 to draw up a proposal for a conjoint examinations scheme, for minutes of the
Conference see RCPI/10/1/3 and for final report RCPI/10/1/5.

**RCPI/10/1/5  Report of the Committee of Reference**  
**February 1874**

*Extent:*
8 pages

*Creator:*
Committee of Reference on Education and Examinations

*Description:*
Published report of the Committee of Reference on the establishment of a conjoint examinations board in Ireland, with representatives from Trinity College, the College of Physicians, the College of Surgeons and the Apothecaries' Hall.

**RCPI/10/1/6  Extracts from Journals**  
**c.1877**

*Extent:*
7 pages

*Creator:*
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

*Description:*
Manuscript notes containing extracts from College Journals (RCPI/2/1) relating to the establishing of a Conjoint Examination Board between 1854 and 1877.

**RCPI/10/1/7  Scheme for Constituting an Examining Board in Ireland**  
**1886**

*Extent:*
2 items

*Creator:*
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland  
College of Surgeons in Ireland

*Description:*

Proof and printed copy of a scheme for a joint examinations board between the two colleges, adopted in October 1886.

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| **Creator:** | King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland  
|              | Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland |      |
| **Description:** | Papers relating to the application of the two Colleges to the Privy Council have their Charters changed to allow for the establishment of a senate of Physicians and Surgeons in Ireland to oversee the Conjoint Examinations Board, also a memorial asking that if the English Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons are granted the power to confer degrees in Medicine and surgery, then the same power should be given to the Irish Colleges. |      |

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| **Creator:** | Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
|              | Royal College of Physicians of Ireland |      |
| **Description:** | Draft letters sent by the two Irish Colleges to the General Medical Council relating to the letter sent by the GMC about examinations in Preliminary Educations, letters contain details of how these examinations are carried out |      |

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Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Printed report of the Committee to consider the constitution of the Conjoint Examining Board.
RCPI/10/2
Regulations

1887-1960
Series

Extent:
4 files

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Series of files containing regulations for the Conjoint Examinations Board.

RCPI/10/2/1 Regulations for Qualifying Examinations 1887-c.1938

Extent:
7 items

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Printed regulations for qualifying examinations required for registration under the Medical Acts.

RCPI/10/2/2 Regulations for Examiners 1921

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Printed regulations for examiners for preliminary and final examinations.

RCPI/10/2/3 Regulations for Preliminary Examinations 1939

Extent:
2 items
RCPI Archive - Part V

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Printed regulations for preliminary and pre-registration examinations to be passed before commencement of the study of medicine.

RCPI/10/2/4  Regulations for Diploma Examinations  1924-1960

Extent:
10 items

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Regulations for the examinations for diplomas in Public Health, Psychological Medicine, Anaesthetics, Child Health and Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery.
RCPI/10/3  Conjoint Medicine and Midwifery Diploma Receipt Book

Extent: c.200 pages

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Receipt book for the conjoint medicine and midwifery diploma, reverse of book contains names of those receiving the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland's midwifery and medicine diploma.

1893-1945
RCPI/10/4 Appointment of Secretary

Extent: 1 page

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board
Miller, Alfred, fl. early twentieth century

Description:
Fidelity guarantee policy between the Conjoint Board and Alfred Miller for his appointment as secretary to the Committee of Management.
RCPI Archive - Part V

RCPI/10/5
Correspondence

1910-1964
Series

Extent:
6 files

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Series of correspondence files relating to various aspects of the Conjoint Examinations Board, especially the various diplomas offered.

Arrangement:
Files are arranged chronologically.

RCPI/10/5/1 Diploma in Psychological medicine 1910-1951

Extent:
4 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Correspondence relating to the desirability of establishing a diploma in Psychological Medicine (1910), and correspondence relating to the contents of diploma (1946-1951).

RCPI/10/5/2 Financial Correspondence c.1938-1960

Extent:
14 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Correspondence of the College with various parties relating the appointment and paying of examiners
and fees for entrance for the Conjoint Examinations Board.

**RCPI/10/5/3**  **Diploma in Anaesthetics**  **1949-1952**

*Extent:*
5 items

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
Correspondence relating to contents of diploma, with copies of regulations for same

**RCPI/10/5/4**  **Diploma in Child Health**  **1951-1964**

*Extent:*
c.100 pages

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
Letters regarding changes to syllabus, appointment of examiners and need for higher qualification in Paediatrics beyond diploma, also regulations for diploma exams and copies of minutes of committees.

**RCPI/10/5/5**  **Diploma Ophthalmology**  **1953-1964**

*Extent:*
7 items

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
Correspondence relating to contents of diploma, with copies of regulations for same
RCPI/10/5/6 Peadiatrics Examination 1961-1963

Extent:
8 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Correspondence, and some agendas, relating to the examination in Paediatrics conducted as part of the final exams for the joint diploma
RCPI/10/6  Returns of Acts of Examinations  1937-1940

Extent:
12 pages

Creator:
Conjoint Board in Ireland

Description:
Returns giving number of examinations conducted by the examiners appointed by the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland.
RCPI/10/7  Accounts  1967-1971

Extent:
8 items

Creator:
Conjoint Examinations Board

Description:
Termly accounts for the Conjoint Examinations Board between Autumn 1967 and Summer 1971.
RCPI/10/8 Costs of the proceedings against Mr Haddock for personation at examinations 27 January 1902

Extent:
8 pages

Creator:
MacLaughlin, E D, solicitor

Description:
Legal costs for proceedings taken the Conjoint Board against Mr Haddock 'for personation at examinations'
RCPI Archive - Part V

RCPI/11
Apothecaries

1736-1896
Series

Extent:
2 boxes

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
The relationship between the College and the Apothecaries was not an easy one. Under the College Charter of 1692 the College was granted certain powers to inspect apothecaries shops, which powers were later extended by Acts of Parliament. On the establishment of the Apothecaries' Hall in 1791 the College was given some additional powers over apothecaries including the right to judge of appeals of those who failed in their applications for an Apothecaries' Certificate. The main area of contention between the two bodies came in the mid-nineteenth century with the passing of the Medical Acts of 1858 and 1886. Under these Acts the Apothecaries claimed the right to be able to issue licenses to practice medicine, a claim that was contested by the College. The College also acted to prevent the Apothecaries' Hall and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland from forming a joint examinations board, again because the College believed that the Medical Acts did not grant the Hall the power to do so. This section contains papers relating to the College's role in inspecting apothecaries shops, their actions against the Apothecaries' Hall and other papers relating to the Apothecaries' Hall.

Arrangement:
Records have been divided by subject and arranged chronologically, further subdivisions have been made as necessary.
RCPI/11/1
Inspection of Apothecaries Shops

1736-1862
Series

Extent:
9 files

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Under the Charter of 1692 the College of Physicians had the power to examine all apothecaries and druggists operating with a seven mile radius of Dublin and to destroy any defective medicine. An Act of Parliament of 1735 gave the College the right to inspect annually all the Apothecaries Shops in Dublin, this practice continued until 1756, the practice was reintroduced under Lucas's Act in 1761. This section contains the surviving reports of the inspectors, with an early register of apothecaries and reports relating to the College's powers in relation to apothecaries.

RCPI/11/1/1 Register of Apothecaries

Extent:
c.100 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Alphabetical list of apothecaries registered with [the College] from 1736-1756. Volume is marked as 'No. 10' suggesting it was one of a larger series.

RCPI/11/1/2 Reports of the Visitors of Apothecaries' Shops

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Three reports of the inspectors of Apothecaries' Shops in Dublin (1743, 1744, 1791) appointed by
the College, reports give name of Apothecaries and comment on quality of shop, reports are signed by the visitors.

RCPI/11/1/3  Notice regarding appointment of Inspectors  1784, 1795

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
Apothecaries' Hall
Pharmaceutick Society

Description:
Resolution of the Pharmaceutick Society to appoint two inspectors to work with two inspectors from the College of Physicians in inspecting apothecaries' shops, 1784. With a resolution from the Apothecaries' Hall appointing two examiners to work with the College of Physicians in inspecting apothecaries' shops, 1795.

RCPI/11/1/4  Reports of the Visitors of Apothecaries' Shops  c. early nineteenth century

Extent:
4 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Four undated, and in some cases unsigned, reports on inspection of Apothecaries' shops in Dublin, reports give name of Apothecaries and comment on quality of shop.

RCPI/11/1/5  Reports on Inspection of Apothecaries' Shops  1829-1839

Extent:
20 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland
Description:
Annual reports on the inspection of apothecaries' shops in Dublin, reports give name of shop and comment on quality of shop, reports are signed by the inspectors. For each year there are two reports one covering the south side of Dublin and one the north side, the south side reports for the years 1838 and 1839 are missing.

RCPI/11/1/6  Power of Insepctors to Levy Fines  1832

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Opinion of counsel on the College's power to levy fines for those obstructing the work of the inspectors as laid out in the 1832 Act for Preventing Frauds and Abuses in the Vending of Drugs.

RCPI/11/1/7  Committee Reports  [c.1850s]

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Two undated reports of a committee appointed to look into the work of the inspectors, reports looks at whether the College has the authority to publish its finding and how the College can more readily enforces the powers granted by Acts of Parliament.

RCPI/11/1/8  Publication of Reports  1856

Extent:
5 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

*Description:* Case for opinion as to whether the College has the legal right to publish its reports on Apothecary Shops, and if this could leave them open to prosecution for libel or slander.

**RCPI/11/1/9  Reports on Inspection of Apothecaries' Shops  1856, 1862**

*Extent:* 2 items

*Creator:* King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

*Description:* Reports of the Inspectors of apothecaries shops in Dublin for the years 1856 and 1862, reports contains an introduction and then details of the shops inspected, both are signed by the inspectors.
Apothecaries' Hall Act

Extent: 18 pages

Creator:
Houses of Commons

Description:
Printed copy of the Act, bound in parchment, for 'the more effectually preserving the Health of His Majesty's subject', the establishing of an Apothecaries' Hall and the regulations on the profession. The text of the act has been annotated by several hands.
RCPI/11/3  Case of James Wood, Apothecary  23 December 1793 - 28 January 1794

Extent: 2 items

Creator:
Wood, James, fl. late eighteenth century
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Letter from James Wood to the College appealing the decision of Apothecaries' Hall not to grant him a master license under the terms of the 1791 Act (RCPI/11/2). Also contains a case for counsel's opinion drawn up by the College to clarify the terms of the Act on how such an appeal was to be carried out by the College.
RCPI/11/4  Apothecaries' Hall Certificates  1820-1891

Extent: 10 items

Creator:
Apothecaries' Hall

Description:
File of certificates awarded by Apothecaries' Hall, certificates are in the names of Charles Reily Ormond Quay (1820); William Boyle of Kilkenny (1827), Arthur Mitchell of Kildare (1829), William Atkin of Cavan (1838); William Frazer of Dublin (1848); Edward C Sauain of Dublin (1850); Josiah Federick Kynsey (1858) and David B Hewitt of Dublin (1868). File also includes an Indenture of apprenticeship of Wildon Henry Binns (1850) and a letter from the College's solicitors returning some of the certificates which had been used in the [1887-8 Chancery] case.
Humble Petition of Apothecaries' Hall

Extent: 1 page

Creator:
Apothecaries' Hall

Description:
Petition of Apothecaries' Hall against a petition from 'physicians, surgeons and apothecaries residing in the county of Monaghan' which attacked the conduct of the Hall and the expediency of the law establishing the Hall. The petitions beg that Parliament will take no actions without first investigating the truth of the allegations, which they believe are groundless.
Extent: 1 page

Creator:
The Evening Packet

Description:
Newspaper cutting from the Evening Packet containing a long letter by 'a graduate in Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, of Dublin, Edinburgh and London' attacking the Apothecaries' Hall and the Act establishing it.
RCPI/11/7  Removal of Apothecaries from College Membership

Extent: 2 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Counsels opinion as to the College's power relating to members who break the declaration that they will not become members of the Apothecaries' Hall while they are member of the College.

September - October 1839
Statement on the History and Legal Rights of the Profession

Extent: 4 pages

Creator:
Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland

Description:
Printed letter from the Apothecaries' Hall laying out the history of the association from the incorporation of the company in 1791 and detailing the rights and requirements of the profession.

30 August 1850
RCPI/11/9  Power of Apothecaries' Hall to Grant Licenses in Medicine  1859-1861

Extent: 4 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the question raised by the College as to whether the Apothecaries' Hall had the right to grant Licenses in Medicine as well as pharmacy under the Medical Act of 1858, the College maintained that they did not and that the Apothecaries' Hall certificate was not to be regarded as equal to a Diploma in Medicine or Licence to practice Medicine awarded by one of the bodies named in the Medical Act. File contains a petition to the Lords against an early [c.1830s] piece of legislation which would grant the London Apothecaries Company the right to examine for a license in Medicine, a printed statement on the College view of the situation (1859), and cases for opinion on the subject submitted by the College and the Apothecaries' Hall.
RCPI/11/10  Recognition of Qualification by Poor Law Commissioners

Extent: 10 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the decision of the Poor Law Commissioners to recognise the Certificate of the Apothecaries' Hall as equivalent to a medical degree or license from the College of Physicians when making appointments to poor law hospitals and dispensaries. File contains a copy of a letter from the College to the Chief Clerk of the Poor Law Office laying out the College's objections to the decision (1863). A copy case for opinion submitted by the Poor Law Commissioners which found that the Apothecaries' certificate was not equivalent (1864). Also two memorials to the Lord Wodehouse, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, one from the College and one from the Senate of Queen's University asking that the decision of the Poor Law Commissioners be changed (1865). File also contains a letter relating to a decision of the Commissioners not to appoint candidates under 23 years of age (1861).
RCPI/11/11  Recognition of Qualification by British Army  22 June 1863
- 19 April 1864

Extent: 13 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the application of the Apothecaries' Hall to have their Certificate recognised as a medical qualification allowing its holders to apply for positions in the Army Medical Service, and the acceptance of this application by the War Office, a decision which was opposed by the College of Physicians. File contains copy correspondence between the College of Physicians, Apothecaries' Hall, the War Office and the General Medical Council.
RCPI/11/12  Shareholders in the Apothecaries' Hall  1881

Extent: 1 page

Creator:
Apothecaries' Hall

Description:
Printed list of the shareholders in the Hall in 1881, with annotations next to those who are Licentiates or Fellows of the College of Physicians.
Exclusion of Apothecaries' Hall from Conjoint Examinations Board

Extent: 4 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
In November 1887 the Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland appealed to the General Medical Council asking to be allowed to join the Conjoint Examinations Board. The College of Physicians objected to this as they believed that under the Medical Acts Apothecaries' Hall was not one of the institutions allowed to issue licenses in Medicine, Surgery or Midwifery, and that the College of Physicians and Surgeons together were enough to meet the needs of the Acts. File contains printed Report of the Committee set up by the College to consider the matter (December 1886), printed Remarks of the college on the letter of the Apothecaries' Hall to the General Medical Council (1887) and a Statement of the College on the request of the General Medical Council to allow the Apothecaries to join the Conjoint Examination Scheme for Ireland (1887). File also contains printed minutes of the General Medical Council relating to this subject.
RCPI/11/14
Attorney General for Ireland vs. The Governors and Company of Apothecaries' Hall

1887-1888
Series

Extent: 4 files

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
In 1887 the College of Physicians sought legal opinion on a proposal by the Apothecaries' Hall and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to form a joint board offering qualifications in Medicine and Surgery, the College of Physicians felt that as the Apothecaries' Certificate was not the same as a licence from the College or Medical degree that the proposal went against the Medical Acts of 1858 and 1886. Counsel advised the College to take a case in Chancery against the Apothecaries' Hall which they did, the judge found against the College of Physicians and upheld the right of the Apothecaries' Hall and College of Surgeons to offer a joint qualification. This section contains papers relating to the legal case.

Arrangement:
Items are arranged chronologically.

RCPI/11/14/1 Case and Supplementary Case 12 April 1887 - 21 July 1887

Extent:
5 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland
Hemphill, Charles Hare, 1822-1908

Description:
Case and supplementary case, with summary of the opinions, as to whether under the Medical Acts of 1858 and 1886 the Apothecaries' Hall is able to issue licenses in medicine, also what steps can be taken to prevent the Apothecaries' Hall and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland from offering a joint qualification in medicine and surgery.

RCPI/11/14/2 Legal Papers 1887-1888
Extent: 5 items

Creator: King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description: Legal papers from the case brought by the College against Apothecaries' Hall in the Court of Chancery, file contains Statement of Defence of Apothecaries' Hall, Statement of Defence of the solicitor to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Statement of Defence of the Registrar of the Irish Branch of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration, Statement of Claim by the Solicitors of the College of Physicians and affidavits on behalf of the Apothecaries' Hall.

RCPI/11/14/3 Supporting Documents 1888

Extent: 14 items

Creator: King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description: Supporting documents produced as part of the case in Chancery including copies of the Charters of the College, copy correspondence, printed pamphlets and a newspaper advertisement. File also contains a copy of the consent to admit documents agreement for the case.

RCPI/11/14/4 Plaintiffs Costs 1887-1888

Extent: 2 Items

Creator: Stephen Gordon & Son, solicitors
King and Queen’s College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Costs of the College in this case with their solicitor Stephen Gordon & Sons of Molesworth Street.

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**Extent:**
5 items

**Creator:**
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

**Description:**
Papers relating to the Conjoint Examinations board of Apothecaries' Hall and the Royal College of Surgeons, including Four Years' Curriculum (1893), printed 'Documents for legal opinion' and Case for Counsels Opinion (1895) and a list of all students graduation with the Conjoint Diploma between 1891 and 1895. File also contains a printed statement from the College of Physicians replying to the charges made against them by Apothecaries' Hall that the College was the main reason for the failure of the Conjoint Examinations Board to conduct any satisfactory examinations.
RCPI Archive - Part V

RCPI/12
The Dublin Pharmacopaeia

1791-1856
Series

Extent:
6 files and items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Under an Act of Parliament of 1761, known as Lucas's Act, the College was granted the right to frame and publish a Pharmacopaeia cataloging all the drugs and medicines to be prescribed by Physicians and Surgeons, several attempts were made in the eighteenth century to prepare such a work, but it was not until 1794 that a specimen Pharmacopaeia was published for consultation. In 1802 Robert Perceval led an attempt to hasten publication and the first Dublin Pharmacopaeia came out in 1806. A second edition was published in Dublin and London in 1826 in Latin, with English translations coming later. In 1830 the London College of Physicians suggested the producing a joint publication with the Colleges in Edinburgh and Dublin, but the Dublin College decline and published the final edition of the Dublin Pharmacopaeia in 1850.

Arrangement:
Files are arranged chronologically.

RCPI/12/1 Accounts
Extent:
12 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Bills and receipts, with related documents, for expenses incurred in the preparation of the various editions of the Dublin Pharmacopaeia

RCPI/12/2 Pharmacopaeia Correspondence
Extent:
13 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Correspondence regarding the preparation and publication of the Dublin Pharmacopaeia
Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
File of correspondence relating to the writing, publication and distribution of the various editions of the Dublin Pharmacopœia.

RCPI/12/3  New Pharmacopœia Committee  3 August 1847

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Minutes of the meeting of the New Pharmacopœia Committee on the 3 August 1847.

RCPI/12/4  Order of the Lord Lieutenant  22 August 1850

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Villers, George William Frederick, 4th Earl Clarendon, 1800-1870

Description:
Order of the Lord Lieutenant that the revised edition of that apothecaries and druggist 'do not compound or make any medicine or medical receipts or prescriptions or distill oils or waters or make other extracts that are not listed in the revised Dublin Pharmacopœia which is about to be published.

RCPI/12/5  Copyright  11 - 15 January 1851

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland
Apjohn, James, 1796-1886

*Description:*
Deed of assignment of the copyright of the Pharmacopaeia from the College to James Apjohn, with a letter relating to the deed from James Apjohn to the College. File also contains a copy opinion on the ownership of copyright of the Pharmacopaeia and Dr Apjohn's rights to the same.

RCPI/12/6  Resolution of the Association of General Medical Practitioners  7 October 1856

*Extent:*
2 pages

*Creator:*
Association of General Medical Practitioners of Ireland

*Description:*
Resolution of the Association that in publishing the Dublin Pharmacopaeia the College was interfering unjustifiably with the branch of the profession vested in the Apothecaries' Hall, and that there is no foundation for the 'allegations contained in the preface' regarding the Apothecaries' Hall.
RCPI/13
Legislation

Extent:
44 files

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Documents recording the views of the College on various pieces of legislation introduced which directly or indirectly impact on the medical professions. Files can contain copies of the legislation, correspondence, petitions, reports, surveys of opinion and newspaper cuttings.

Arrangement:
Records have been divided by piece of legislation and arranged chronologically

RCPI/13/1 Act for the Better Regulating ... Apothecaries throughout England and Wales 1805-1815

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland
Royal College of Physicians of London
Houses of Parliament

Description:
Printed copy of the 1815 Act, with a printed copy of an outline for an intended Bill for the 'better regulation of Medical Practitioners, Chemists, Druggists and Venders of Medicine' proposed by the College of Physicians of London, submitted by the Irish College for their members consideration.

RCPI/13/2 Prisons (Ireland) Act 1826 and later amendment acts 9 May 1825 - 1878

Extent:
35 items
Creator:
Osborne, Jonathon, 1794-1864

Description:
Answers to letters written by Osborne [on behalf of the College] canvassing the opinion of Irish doctors on the proposed new prison legislation, with other related letters from medical practitioners. File also contains a case for opinion prepared by the College relating to the appointment of medical officers to Prisons under this act (1852) and two letters relating to proposed amendments to the Act in 1878

RCPI/13/3 Proposed Medical Charities Bill Ireland 1837-1843

Extent:
8 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the proposed Medical Charities Bill Ireland, including a manuscript copy of the bill, draft petitions and copy correspondence on the subject.

RCPI/13/4 Grand Jury (Ireland) Bill 3 January 1837

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Printed copy of the report of the committee into the proposed Grand Jury legislation laying out points considered to be 'injurious either to the [medical] profession or the public.

RCPI/13/5 An Act to Regulate the Sale of Arsenic 5 June 1851

Extent:
3 pages
Creator:  
House of Parliament

Description:  
Printed copy of act.

RCPI/13/6  Office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland  [1851]

Extent:  
2 pages

Creator:  
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:  
Draft petition to the Houses of Parliament expressing the College's concern at the proposal to abolish the Office of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

RCPI/13/7  Hospital Grants  [1851]

Extent:  
2 pages

Creator:  
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:  
Draft petition to the Houses of Parliament expressing the College's concern at the proposal to withdraw the grants payed to several Dublin Hospitals.

RCPI/13/8  Dublin University Bill 1856  12 May 1856

Extent:  
10 pages

Creator:  
House of Commons

Description:  
Printed copy
RCPI/13/9 Medical Act 1858 1856

Extent:
10 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Amended Proposal for a Medical Bill dated October 1856, with related letters and reports, also printed copy of Act. File also contains [earlier] documents relating to House of Commons committee on medical education.

RCPI/13/10 Union Officers Superannuation Act (Ireland) 1865 [1862]

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
King and Queen’s College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Drafts of a petition to the Houses of Parliament about the superannuation bill before Parliament.

RCPI/13/11 Poor Relief (Ireland) Act 1862 1862

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
King and Queen’s College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Draft petition from the College to the proposers of the bill that the age of 5 specified in the bill for the return of children from nurses to the workhouse should be raised, and setting out the medical reasons for this opinion.
RCPI/13/12  Registration of Births and Deaths (Ireland) Act  April 1864

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Draft report sent by the College to the Registrar of Births and Deaths, the report acknowledges the College's support for the Act and the need to register births and Deaths however it also suggests that some of the information asked for by the Registrar in the forms to be filled in by medical practitioners will be difficult to give accurately from their own knowledge.

RCPI/13/13  Pharmacy Act 1868  [1865]-1868

Extent:
5 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Draft report of the College's view on the Sale of Poisons and Pharmacy Amendment Act before the House of Lords in May 1868, with a proposed clause to be inserted. File also contains a draft report on an earlier bill, [1865] to regulate chemists and druggists, and a draft petition that the legislation be extended to cover Ireland, as well as England and Scotland.

RCPI/13/14  Medical Act 1858 Amendments  1870-[1890]

Extent:
c.60 items in 2 folders

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the various attempts to amend the 1858 Medical Act, including the Act passed in 1886. File contains correspondence, petitions, copies of legislation, printed pamphlets giving the College's views, reports and receipts from the College's representatives in London.

**RCPI/13/15**  
**Pharmacy Act (Ireland) 1875**  
*Extent:*  
c.40 items

*Creator:*  
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

*Description:*  
Copies of proposed bills to regulate the practice of pharmacy in Ireland, with correspondence relating the College's involvement in the framing of the act, especially through their representative in London Sir Dominic Corrigan, opinions on the legislation printed by the College and related newspaper cutting.

**RCPI/13/16**  
**Public Health Ireland**  
*c.1870*

*Extent:*  
1 page

*Creator:*  
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

*Description:*  
Draft petition from the College to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland expressing the dissatisfaction of the College with the present state of Public Health in Ireland and asking for a Royal Commission into the question.

**RCPI/13/17**  
**Abolition of Medical Commissioner of Local Government Department**  
*c.1871-1874*

*Extent:*  
2 pages
Creator:
King and Queen’s College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Memorial from the College to the Chief Secretary for Ireland expressing the view that the proposal to abolish the position of Medical Commissioner to the Local Government Departments in Ireland will be 'attended with serious detriment to the public service'.

**RCPI/13/18**  
**Lunacy Regulation**

*Extent:*
6 items

*Creator:*
King and Queen’s College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
Letters, petitions and committee minutes relating to the Lunacy (Ireland) Bill brought into the House of Commons by Sir Dominic Corrigan in 1871, file also contains two draft petitions relating to the Lunatics Asylum (Ireland) Bill of 1875.

**RCPI/13/19**  
**Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act 1875**

*Extent:*
2 pages

*Creator:*
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

*Description:*
Draft copy of a petition of the College to Parliament in support of the bill to improve the dwellings of the working class currently before parliament.

**RCPI/13/20**  
**Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878**

*Extent:*
8 items
Creator:  
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland  

Description:  
Draft report, petition and printed observations on the proposed bills of 1874 and 1878 to amend public health legislation in Ireland, with related correspondence

RCPI/13/21 General Prisons (Ireland) Act 1877 1877-1878

Extent:  
3 items

Creator:  
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland  

Description:  
Draft of a memorial of the College to the Lord Lieutenant relating to the provision of medical and pharmaceutical care to prisons under the new act, with two letters on the same subject.

RCPI/13/22 Infectious Diseases Notification (Ireland) Act 1889 1882-1906

Extent:  
4 pages

Creator:  
Houses of Parliament  

Description:  
Copy of draft bill for infectious diseases notification brought in 1882, with a copy of a bill to extend the Act of 1889 to districts where it has not been adopted.

RCPI/13/23 House of Lords Select Committee on Hospitals 1891

Extent:  
2 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Moore, John William, 1845-1937
House of Lords

Description:
Manuscript minutes of evidence to be submitted by the College's representative John William Moore to the House of Lords Select Committee, with printed copy of the evidence heard of the 16 April 1891, including that of Moore.

RCPI/13/24  Second Home Rule Bill 1893  8 April 1893

Extent:
1 parchment

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Draft petition from the College to the Houses of Parliament, informing them that the College believes that the Second Home Rule Bill would be 'injurious to the interests of the College'.

RCPI/13/25  Public Health (Ireland) Act 1896  April 1896

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Royal college of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Printed observations of the College on the proposed legislation

RCPI/13/26  Obstetrical Nurses Registration Bill  1897

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
Houses of Parliament
British Medical Association

Description:
Copy of a bill for Obstetrical Nurses Registration, with memorandum of the British Medical Association on the same.

RCPI/13/27 Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918 1898-1918

Extent:
c.60 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the various attempts to bring in registration of Midwives in Ireland 1898, 1899, 1900, 1902, 1907, 1910 and finally in 1918. File contains copies of proposed legislation with letters and other documents relating to changes proposed by the College, and a conference held by the College in 1910 to discuss the proposed legislation. File also includes copies of Midwives (Scotland) Bills.

RCPI/13/28 Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 1898

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Proposed amendment to section 56 of the act, relating to the appointment of asylum officers, by the College, with a letter from the Royal Institute of Public Health requesting the views of the College. Also contains a printed letter giving the view of the Royal College of Surgeons on the legislation.
RCPI/13/29  Parliamentary Bills Committee on Tuberculosis  18 January 1899

Extent:
8 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association

Description:
Report on Tuberculosis by the British Medical Association to the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

RCPI/13/30  Board of Education Act 1899  May 1899

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Copy of the bill to establish a board of education, with two letters from the Royal Institute of Public Health asking for the College's view on the need for the new Board to have a medical officer.

RCPI/13/31  A Bill to amend the Companies Act  12 February 1900

Extent:
20 pages

Creator:
House of Parliament

Description:
Copy of bill

RCPI/13/32  Vaccination Orders  March 1900 - January 1910

Extent:
8 items

Creator:
Local Government Board
Description:
Official notices and letters issued by the Local Government Board relating to Vaccination orders and related topics.

RCPI/13/33  Sale of Food and Drugs Act  May 1900

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
Local Government Board

Description:
Printed circular letters from the Local Government Board containing orders under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

RCPI/13/34  Weights and Measures Act 1904  May 1904

Extent:
10 items

Creator:
Houses of Parliament

Description:
Copy of the bill, amended by select committee, for rendering compulsory the use of the metric system.

RCPI/13/35  Irish Universities Act 1908  31 March 1908

Extent:
16 pages

Creator:
House of Parliament

Description:
Copy of the Irish Universities Bill
RCPI/13/36  Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908  1908-1909

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Local Government Board

Description:
Copy of bill with manuscript amendments made by
the College, two copies of a printed report of the
College Committee established to consider the bill,
one is heavily annotated, and a copy of a circular
letter sent out by the College to canvas opinion on
the bill. File also contains two printed orders sent
out by the Local Government Board in 1909 under
the Act.

RCPI/13/37  Nurses Registration (Ireland) Act  1908-1919

Extent:
c.34 items in 2 folders

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Irish Nurses' Association
Irish Medical Association
Irish Matrons' Association
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses

Description:
Copies of proposed legislation for the registration of
nurses in Ireland in 1908, 1911 and 1919, with
related statements and letters from the College and
other interested parties. File also includes
Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation flyer 'Why Nurses
Want the Vote'. Also a file of material (1916-1917)
relating to the joint proposal of the Colleges of
Physicians and Surgeons to establish an Irish Nursing
Board, to promote the education of nurses and
maintain a register of nurses who have passed the
Board's exams. File includes drafts of scheme and
proofs of the constitution of the proposed Board.
RCPI/13/38  National Insurance Act 1911  1911

*Extent:*
c.140 items in 2 folders

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
Responses to a questionnaire sent out by the College to its licentiates and members canvassing their opinion on the new National Insurance Bill (1911), and for specific details of how their patients and income would be effected, replies have been numbered in red 1 to 139. File also includes a copy of the bill and explanatory memorandum, letters and reports giving the view of the General Medical Council and the British Medical Association, and related newspaper cuttings.

RCPI/13/39  Registration of Deaths and Burial Amendment Act 1912  27 June 1912

*Extent:*
8 pages

*Creator:*
House of Parliament

*Description:*
Copy of bill

RCPI/13/40  Establishment of the Ministry of Health  January 1917 - March 1919

*Extent:*
31 items

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
Correspondence relating to the proposed establishment of a Ministry of Health, and the impact this would have in Ireland. Mainly
correspondence between interested Irish organisations about the possibility of holding a conference on the issue, with related newspaper cuttings and pamphlet, also contains the official statement of the College.

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RCPI/13/44  Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920  1920-1921

Extent:
10 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
File of letters and printed papers relating to the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, and a committee appointed the following year to 'consider outstanding objections'.
RCPI/14
Medical Education and Registration

1859-1980
Series

Extent:
21 files

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
This section contains papers relating to medical education and medical registration in Ireland, and the College's role in shaping the governing of these two areas. The Medical Act (1858) and Amendment Act (1886) (see RCPI/13/9 and RCPI/13/14) established a system for the overseeing of medical education and registration in the UK. Under the 1858 Act the General Medical Council was set up to provide a register of all medical practitioners who held registrable qualifications under the terms of the Medical Acts. Several of the files in this section related to disputes over what constitutes a registrable medical qualification, additional material relating to this and the Apothecaries' Hall can be found in RCPI/11/13. The second function of the General Medical Council is to regulate and set standards for Medical Education in the UK, this series contains several files relating to committees and reports on the standard of medical education, especially in the 1940s and 1950s. After the formation of the Irish Free State in the 1920s there was an investigation into how the Irish Medical Profession should be regulated (RCPI/14/10), and several pieces of legislation were passed (RCPI/13/41). The system in Ireland remained similar to, and shaped by, the system in England, and the College of Physicians were still called upon to provide their opinion by the General Medical Council. In 1979 the Irish Medical Council was established to maintain the Irish Register and to provide for medical education, training and competence.

Arrangement:
Files are arranged chronologically

RCPI/14/1 Right of Licentiates to use MD 1859-1903

Extent:
14 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to a case brought by the College as to the right of Licentiates of the College to use the initials MD after their name, if they held no degree in medicine from a university. The College argued that such Licentiates were entitled to do so under the Medical Act 1858, but the General Medical Council contested this interpretation and their view was successful. File contains letters, cases for opinion, legal costs and manuscript notes (1859-1864). File also contains letters from 1891-2 and 1903 relating to the same issue.

RCPI/14/2  Recognition by GMC of License in Midwifery  1859-1864

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Letter from the College to the Home Department about the decision of the General Medical Council to take steps to establish legality of considering Licenses of Midwifery not mentioned in schedule A in the Medical Act 1858 as registrable qualification. This includes the License of the College of Physicians. File also includes case for opinion taken by the College on the legality of recognising its qualification in midwifery.

RCPI/14/3  Report of the GMC Relative to Medical Education  1863

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Manuscript and final printed versions, with notes used in preparation, of the report of the committee appointed by the College to consider the Communication of the General Medical Council relative to preliminary and professional education.
RCPI/14/4  Report of the GMC on the Visitation of Examinations  1867

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Manuscript draft report of the committee appointed by the College to consider the report of the General Medical Council on the Visitation of Examinations.

RCPI/14/5  Recognition of Membership and Fellowship as Medical Qualifications  December 1884

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Cases for opinion as to best course of action for the College to take to have their diploma of membership recognised as a qualification for registry under the Medical Act, and to have the terms Members and Fellows added to schedule A of the Act.

RCPI/14/6  Proposed Charter for the University of London  March - July 1891

Extent:
c.40 items

Creator:
King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the proposal to grant a new charter to the University of London, the College wished to ensure that the establishment would not be detrimental to its interests or those of its members, also that they should be given the same rights as the London Colleges including representation on the board. File contains correspondence, draft and
printed reports from interested parties and printed proceeding of the Committee of the Privy Council.

**RCPI/14/7 Introduction of Preventative Medicine to the Medical Curriculum**

*Extent*: 6 items

*Creator*: General Medical Council

*Description*: Memorial to the General Medical Council petitioning for the introduction of obligatory preventative medicine classes into the medical curriculum, with related documents including reports of the College of Surgeons and Physicians in London.

**RCPI/14/8 Power of College of Physicians to Grant Qualifications in Surgery**

*Extent*: 8 items

*Creator*: Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description*: Cases for opinion as to the power of the College of Physicians of Ireland to grant qualifications in surgery as well as physics and midwifery under the Medical Act of 1886. The College argued that under this act the College of Physicians of London was given this power, and that as the Irish College's powers were based on those of the English College they should also have the same powers. File also contains a draft letter to the General Medical Council, extracts from minutes of the GMC and legal costs.

**RCPI/14/9 General Medical Council Winter Sessions 1911-1912**

*Extent*: 8 pages

18 January 1912
Creator:
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Chance, Sir Arthur, 1859-1928

Description:
Printed report of the Sir Arthur Chance, representative of the College of Surgeons to the General Medical Council, relating to the discussion of medical education.

RCPI/14/10 Medical Registration Committee 1923-1925

Extent:
14 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
First, second and final report of the Committee on the regulation and registration of medical and dental practice in the Irish Free State, with related correspondence especially on the proposal by the Irish Free State to set a separate medical register for Ireland. File also contains copies of the School of Physic Act (1800), Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Bill 1919 and Ministry of Health Act, 1919, presumably used in writing the reports.

RCPI/14/11 Medical Education Investigation Committee July 1944 - July 1945

Extent:
c.100 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Correspondence and minutes relating to a joint investigation by the College of Physicians, College of Surgeons, and representatives of medical teaching universities and hospitals into the future of medical education arising from the Goodenough report in Britain. File also contains two copies of the printed
report resulting from the Conference and relate newspaper cuttings.

RCPI/14/12  General Medical Council Reports on Education  1944-1945

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
General Medical Council

Description:
Copy of 'Extracts from Report of Inter-Departmental Committee on Medical Schools' (1944), 'Insepction of Qualifying Examinations' (1945) and 'Rules as to courses of study and examinations for diplomas and degrees in Sanitary Science, Public Health, or State Medicine'.

RCPI/14/13  Dates of Death of Irish Doctors  c.1945-1952

Extent:
22 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
List of the names and dates of death of Irish doctors between 1945 and 1952 submitted by the College to the Branch Medical Council for the information of the registrar.

RCPI/14/14  Impact of Amendments to British Medical Acts on Ireland  1949-1961

Extent:
c.50 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
General Medical Council
British Medical Association
Description:
File of correspondence and reports on the proposals by the General Medical Council to amend the British Medical Acts in relation to medical education and curriculum. Correspondence mainly relates to the Colleges view of the proposed changes and the impact they would have on Ireland. File also includes documents relating to the General Medical Council's submission to the Committee on Higher Educations (Robbins Committee).

RCPI/14/15  Medical Registration Council of Ireland's Review of Medical Education  1951-1954

Extent:
7 items

Creator:
Medical Registration Council of Ireland

Description:
Letter from the Medical Registration Council to the College containing documents for discussion; Recommendations as the Medical Curriculum, Observations on the Recommendations and the report of the Medical Education Committee on Under-graduate Educations. File also contains part of the Medical Registration Council’s Report on Visitations of Medical Schools (1954).

RCPI/14/16  Recognition of Irish Medical Graduates in America  1951-1952

Extent:
4 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Correspondence and report relating to the recognition of Irish Medical Graduates in America.
RCPI/14/17  Revision of Medical Curriculum by the General Medical Council  December 1954 - January 1956

Extent:
c.40 items

Creator:
General Medical Council
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Description:
Letters, reports and memorandum relating to the decision by the General Medical Council to revise the medical curriculum, the two Irish Colleges formed a joint committee to submit their observations on the proposal. File also contains papers relating to a further joint committee of the two Colleges to look at the medical curriculum established in December 1955.

RCPI/14/18  Registration of Visiting Post-Graduate Medical Students  17 April 1956

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
Medical Registration Council of Ireland
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Letter from the Council to the College enclosing the regulations governing registration of visiting post-graduate medical students as governed by the Medical Acts 1927 to 1955.

RCPI/14/19  Impact of Joining the European Economic Community  1970-1973

Extent:
8 items

Creator:
European Communities
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Department of Health

*Description:*
Papers relating to the effect of Ireland joining the EEC on the medical professions, especially the detailed provisions for the 'attainment of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of activities of self-employed doctors'.

**RCPI/14/20  Medical Council Constitution and Ethical Code  1979-1980**

*Extent:*  
9 items

*Creator:*  
Mitchell, David, fl. mid-late twentieth century  
Medical Council

*Description:*  
Copy of the Medical Councils' Constitution and Functions, Ethical Conduct and Behaviour, and Fitness to Practice, printed in 1980, with earlier draft with manuscript annotations by [Daivd Mitchell]. File also contains copies of ethical codes from other European Countries and a copy of the text of a presentation on 'the Doctor and the Media', given by David Mitchell, President of the Medical Council.

**RCPI/14/21  Survey of Medical Graduates  1979-1980**

*Extent:*  
2 folders

*Creator:*  
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

*Description:*  
Survey came out of a paper in a medical journal "Women in Irish Medicine" written in 1979 by Drs Deirdre Kelly, Maire Nolan and Emer Shelly. Paper raised career difficulties in medicine, some gender specific, College approved funding to help gain more information to understand the problem better. A funded researcher to survey medical graduates from
1970s to find out about problems they had encountered. The file contains final report, also small number of papers produced during the course of project.
RCPI/15
College Events

1906-
Section

Extent:
2 boxes

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
This section contains papers relating to various events held by the College, including Saint Luke's Day celebrations, events to mark College anniversaries and medical symposium.

Arrangement:
Records are arranged chronologically.
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**RCPI/15/1**
Saint Luke’s Day

**1906-1977**
Series

*Extent:*
3 files

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
October 18th is the feast day of Saint Luke, the patron saint of physicians, and as such is an important date for the College. The Annual Stated Meeting is held on Saint Luke's Day, and records show that a Dinner has also been held on this day since the seventeenth century. From 1969 symposium on medical subjects were held on Saint Luke's Day. This section contains paper relating to the various events held on Saint Luke's Day.

*Arrangement:*
Items are arranged chronologically.

**RCPI/15/1/1  Scrapbook Dinners etc.  1906-1977**

*Extent:*
c.200 pages

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*
Scrapbook containing menus, table plans and invitations for Saint Luke's Day and other College Dinners.

**RCPI/15/1/2  Saint Luke's Day Dinner  1909-1938**

*Extent:*
11 items

*Creator:*
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

*Description:*

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RCPI/15/1/3 Moving Points in Medicine Symposia 1972 - 1975

Extent:
c.120 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians

Description:
Correspondence relating to the organisation of the Moving Points in Medicine symposium held in October for the years 1972 to 1975, also includes programme of event and advertisements.
RCPI/15/2 Concerts

Extent: 3 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Poster for an undated oboe and piano recital to be held in the College, all proceeds to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, with two programmes for concerts to be held in the hall in 1957 and 1961.

early-mid twentieth century
RCPI/15/3  President's Dinner  1930

Extent: 4 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Invitation, table plan and menu for the President's Dinner of 1930, with an undated list of guests at a dinner in the College Hall.
RCPI/15/4 Fourth International Goiter Conference 29 May 1958 - 25 August 1960

Extent: c.50 items

Creator:
The American Goiter Association
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
File of correspondence relating to the fourth International Goiter Conference to be held in London in July 1960, and a proposed visit to Dublin to visit the Meath Hospital and for a lecture on Robert Graves, organised by the College for attendees at the Conference.
RCPI/15/5  Tercentenary Celebrations  1967

Extent: 2 folders

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians in Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the tercentenary celebrations of the Royal College of Physicians over three days in May 1967, file contains acceptance letters and forms, invitations, speeches delivered at the event and newspaper cuttings.
RCPI/15/6  Symposiums  1970-1979

Extent: 5 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Flyers for medical symposiums held by the College.
RCPI/15/7  Centenary Memorial Meeting of William Stokes  July 1978

Extent: 2 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Programme for the memorial meeting to celebrate the centenary of William Stokes, with a copy of lecture by Brendan O’Brien on 'Graves, Stokes and the Meath Hospital.
RCPI/15/8  Historic Foundation of Modern Arabic Medicine: Western Influence Symposium

Extent: c.50 pages

Creator:
League of Arab States
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Correspondence relating to a symposium organised jointly between the League of Arab States Office and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and held at the College in December 1985.
Tercentenary Banquet

**Extent:** 2 item

**Creator:**
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

**Description:**
Invitation to the tercentenary banquet, with related letter

October 1992
RCPI/15/10  Roll of the 350th Anniversary Associates of the College  1 January 2006

Extent: c.250 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
RCPI/16
College History and Ephemera

Extent:
2 boxes

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the history of the College, and publications on the history of the College

Arrangement:
Records are divided by type.
RCPI Archive - Part V

RCPI/16/1 Visitors Book 1864-1980

Extent:
c.150 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.
RCPI/16/2
Newspaper Cuttings

c.1860-2005
Series

Extent:
7 files

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Newspaper cuttings relating to the history of the College and other medical subjects.

Arrangement:
Items are arranged chronologically.

RCPI/16/2/1 Newspaper Cuttings c.1860-1880

Extent:
c.50 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

RCPI/16/2/2 Newspaper Cuttings c.1900-1940

Extent:
c.30 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

RCPI/16/2/3 Scrapbook c.1914-1950

Extent:
c.300 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings, also engravings of Dublin Hospital (mostly taken from certificates) and some invitation cards to College events.

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*Creator:* Royal College of Physicains of Ireland

*Description:* Printed sign requesting 'gentlemen and ladies are particularly requested not to throw cigarette ends on the floors of the Hall or Meeting Rooms'
RCPI Archive - Part V

RCPI/16/4
Publications

1954-2004
Series

Extent:
2 files

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to histories of the College and medicine in Ireland published by the College.

Arrangement:
Records are divided by publication

RCPI/16/4/1  Widdess' History of the College  18 February 1954 - 5 February 1969

Extent:
25 items

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
E & S livingstone Publishers
Widdess, John David Henry, 1906-1982

Description:
Letters and accounts relating to the publishing of Widdess' History of the College of Physicians, also includes original publicity flyer for the book.

RCPI/16/4/2  Patients, Potions and Physicians  2002-2004

Extent:
2 folders

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Material relating to the writing of the book Patients, Potions and Physicians by Tony Farmar
commissioned by the Library Committee to make the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the founding of the College. File contains correspondence between Mills, Scott and Farmar relating to the progress of the book, with suggestions for redrafting (March 2003-May 2004), and two incomplete drafts of the book. The [first] draft dates from 2002-2004 and contains chapters 1 to 7 and 10 only, the [revised] draft, dating from 2003, contains chapters 1 to 4 only.
RCPI Archive - Part V

RCPI/16/5
Short histories

1960-1984
Series

Extent:
3 files

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Series of short histories of the College or specific College events

RCPI/16/5/1  A Visit to Nigeria as a Representative of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland  October 1960

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
O'Farrell, Patrick Theodore Joseph, 1889-1968

Description:
Typescript report.

RCPI/16/5/2  A Brief History of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland  8 November 1977

Extent:
15 pages

Creator:
Grant, Alan P, fl. mid-late twentieth century

Description:
Typescript

RCPI/16/5/3  History of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland  1978

Extent:
4 items
Creator:
Mitchell, David, fl. mid-late twentieth century

Description:
Typescripts of four pieces of writing by Mitchell on the history, and future, of the College.
RCPI/17
Medical Training

Extent:
2 boxes

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Description:
Papers relating to the College's role in providing higher medical training.
RCPI/17/1
Irish Committee for Higher Medical Training

Extent:
3 volumes

Creator:
Minutes of the Irish Committee for Higher Medical Training

RCPI/17/1/1 ICHMT Minute Book I
22 March 1971 - 28 November 1990

Extent:
c.300 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

RCPI/17/1/3 ICHMT Minute Book III
10 March 2004 - 30 March 2007

Extent:
c.300 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

RCPI/17/1/4 ICHMT Minute Book IV
20 June 2007 - 10 October 2012

Extent:
c.300 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
RCPI/17/2
General Professional Training Committee

Extent:
1 volume

Creator:
Minute books of the General Professional Training Committee

RCPI/17/2/1 General Professional Training Committee Minute Book 1

Extent:
c.300 pages

Creator:
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland