

## Michael Ivo Francis Drury

**Born:** 1920  
**President:** 1986-30 Dec 1988 (died in office)  
**Died:** 1988

Ivo Drury was born on 17 July 1920 at Mountrath, County Laois. He was educated at the Patrician School, Mountrath, and University College Dublin where he studied medicine. He graduated in 1942 with first class honours and a gold medal in surgery. He became a Member of the College of Physicians in 1946.

As a general physician to the Mater Hospital (1947-1987) he developed the endocrine and diabetes unit and was instrumental in setting up the hospital's diabetic day case centre. His expertise as a diabetologist extended his commitment to all three maternity hospitals in Dublin for which he developed an international reputation in the management of diabetes in pregnancy. The care and wellbeing of his patients was his ultimate concern. His notes, history taking and clinical examination, and his general attention to detail, were legendary. Working with him was a sought-after experience, and an unparalleled medical training. He published widely on his special interest of diabetes; publications included *Diabetes Mellitus* (1979; 1986), *Manual for Diabetes* (1982) and *Understanding Diabetes* (1984).

Ivo Drury was honoured, both at home and abroad, by sister colleges and universities. He was a Member of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland, Honorary Fellow of the American, Australian and Edinburgh Colleges, and President of the Irish Endocrine Society. He was awarded an honorary DSc from Queen's University, Belfast.

He was elected a Fellow of the College of Physicians in 1951 and President in 1986. In his capacity as President he was determined to revitalise the College and its statutes, which progressed until his untimely death in office in 1988.

Ivo Drury is remembered as the co-founder of the Corrigan Club, a cross-border club which brought together a select group of physicians, from both the North and the South, with similar interests in research, post-graduate education, and clinical medicine. His colleagues admired his keen intellect, warm and friendly nature, and his compassionate approach to medicine.

He remained a keen sportsman throughout his life, enjoying tennis and jogging. He was also passionately interested in books, especially historical biographies. He married Roisin Connolly in 1949, and they had nine children.

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