



Cancer Screening - is it for you? February 17 2009

About The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland is the oldest surviving medical institution in the country. It was founded in 1654 as a "Fraternity of Physicians" by John Stearne, a Professor at Trinity College Dublin and Oxford University, in response to his recognition of the need for an improvement in the medical services available to the people of Ireland. Stearne's foundation was closely modelled on the Royal College of Physicians of London and was, initially, an ancillary of The University of Dublin (Trinity College Dublin).

Royal Charters were obtained in 1667, from King Charles II, and in 1692, from King William III and Queen Mary II. The College was granted the power to examine and license doctors as being fit to practice. The 1692 Charter, which is still in force today, established the College's independence, severing the link with Trinity College Dublin.

The next 150 years of the College was a period of rapid growth and advancement in medicine. The College established itself as the regulator of medical teaching on the island and contributed towards the care of the sick on the island. After numerous changes of location, the College has occupied its present home on Dublin's Kildare Street since 1864. The building was restored, renovated, refurbished and reopened in 2005 - by far the most extensive renovation of the College since the 1860's. The building is now fully equipped with modern conference, meeting and communication facilities.

Today, having been instrumental in establishing renowned teaching hospitals, collaborating with medical schools and advancing medical science, the College is primarily concerned with postgraduate education and the maintenance of high standards in medicine. Through its mission "to develop and maintain high professional standards in specialist medical practice in order to achieve optimum patient care and to promote health nationally and internationally", the College: develops and is responsible for running training programmes for doctors both at General Professional Training and Higher Medical Training level who are seeking to become specialists in medicine; co-operates closely with government and health bodies with regard to a wide range of medical training and education issues; and is responsible for CME programme certifying skills and competency through a Fellows professional career.

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About The National Cancer Screening Service

The National Cancer Screening Service was established by the Minister for Health and Children in January 2007. The establishment followed the launch of a Strategy for Cancer Control in Ireland 2006 which advocates a comprehensive cancer control policy programme in Ireland.

The Strategy examines prevention, screening, detection, treatment and management of cancer in Ireland in coming years and recommended a National Cancer Screening Service Board.

The National Cancer Screening Service encompasses BreastCheck - The National Breast Screening Programme and CervicalCheck - The National Cervical Screening Programme. The National Cervical Screening Programme will provide free smear tests to all women aged 25-60 living in Ireland and it is anticipated that national coverage of GP providers will build in the coming months. The National Cancer Screening Service has also established an Expert Group to explore and make recommendations on the introduction of a Colorectal Screening Programme.

Next meeting in this series:

Care of the Elderly - April 21 2009

Chaired by Mr Derek Davis

You may reserve your place by phone to (01) 8639700 or by email to college@rcpi.ie



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Department of Health and Children -
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Health Hub - health information site for medical
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Irish College of General Practitioners -
www.icgp.ie

Irishhealth.com - independent health website -
www.irishhealth.com
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About The Public Meeting Series

In line with its mission to promote a healthy nation, the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland believes that there is a need to provide a forum where expert advice and medical knowledge can be made available to the general public. To this end, the College has initiated a public meeting series "Promoting a Healthy Nation" in order to inform members of the public on key healthcare issues and to provide an opportunity for the public to communicate their concerns to the College and others.