



Controlling Your Asthma - Facts to Take Your Breath Away
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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.

Useful Contacts

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The Irish Eczema Society

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Breathing.ie

www.breathing.ie

Irish Health.Com Asthma Clinic

<http://www.irishhealth.com/clin/asthma/>

**For Monthly Air Quality Bulletin Reports
from The Environmental Protection Agency:**

www.epa.ie/whatwedo/monitoring/air/reports/

The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)

www.ginasthma.com

Daily Pollen Forecasting Service:

www.irishhealth.com/pollen_cnt.html

**Health and Safety Authority Guidelines on
Occupational Asthma**

Can be found on www.hsa.ie publications section

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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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The Asthma Society works on behalf of the 470,000 people in Ireland with asthma. In Ireland, every day more than 70 people attend A&E because of an asthma attack and every day more than 16 people are admitted to hospital due to asthma. Tragically, asthma claims the life of 2 people every week in Ireland. Our purpose and vision is to promote awareness of the condition, to provide information, advice and reassurance, to foster and promote research and above all to achieve better asthma control so that children and adults with asthma can live their lives to the full.

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