



## Sexual Health in a Changing Ireland December 8 2008

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### About The Public Meeting Series

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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.

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### About The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

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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.

***For further information:***

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## Useful Contacts

### DUBLIN

#### **GUIDE Clinic**

St James's Hospital #5  
James's Street, Dublin 8  
T: (01) 416 2315 / 416 2316  
[www.guide2guide.ie](http://www.guide2guide.ie)

#### **Mater Misericordiae Hospital**

Infectious Disease Clinic  
Outpatients Department  
North Circular Road, Dublin 7  
T: (01) 803 2063 803 4780

#### **Baggot Street Clinic**

Gay Men's Health Project Clinic and  
Women's Health Project  
19 Haddington Road, Dublin 4  
T: 1800 201187

#### **Beaumont Hospital Dublin**

(HIV and Hepatitis testing only)  
T: (01) 809 3006

#### **Dublin Well Woman Centre**

Lr Liffey Street (01) 8728051  
Ballsbridge (01) 660 9860  
Coolock (01) 848 4511  
[www.wellwomancentre.ie](http://www.wellwomancentre.ie)

#### **Dublin Aids Alliance**

[www.dublinaidalliance.com](http://www.dublinaidalliance.com)

#### **Irish Family Planning Association Medical Centres**

[www.ifpa.ie](http://www.ifpa.ie)

#### **Drugs/HIV Helpline-**

Cherry Orchard Hospital, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10  
T: 1800 459 459

### REGIONAL

#### **Ballinasloe**

Portiuncula Hospital (090) 964 8200  
STI Clinic (090) 964 8372 (Ext 676)

#### **Carlow**

Carlow District Hospital (051) 842 646

#### **Castlebar**

Mayo General Hospital. (094) 9021733 Ext. 3501

#### **Clare**

Ennis General Hospital. (061) 482382

#### **Clonmel**

STI Clinic (051) 842 646

#### **Cork**

Victoria Hospital, (021) 496 6844  
Family Planning Clinic (021) 427 7906  
Youth Health Service (021) 422 0490 / 1  
Sexual Health Centre (021) 427 6676 / 5837

#### **Ennis**

STI Clinic (061) 482382

#### **Galway**

Galway Family Planning Clinic (091) 562 992  
University College Hospital T: (091) 525 200

#### **Limerick**

Limerick Regional Hospital (061) 482 382  
Sexual Health Helpline (061) 316 661  
Family Planning Clinic (061) 312 026

#### **Sligo**

Sligo Regional Hospital (071) 917 0473.

#### **Tipperary**

Nenagh General Hospital (061) 482 382.  
South Tipperary General Hospital (051) 842646.

#### **Tralee**

Tralee General Hospital (066) 4966844  
STI Clinic (1890) 281281  
Family Planning Clinic (066) 712 5322  
Kerry Counselling Centre (066) 712 2931

#### **Waterford**

Waterford Regional Hospital (051) 842646.

### NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast Royal Victoria Hospital (048) 9063 4705

Coleraine Causeway Hospital (048) 7034 6028

Derry AtInagelvin Hospital (048) 7161 1269

Newry Daisy Hill Hospital (048) 30835000 (Ext 5050)