



Having a Baby in the 21st Century - February 20 2008
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National Maternity Hospital, Dublin

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Rotunda Hospital, Dublin

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www.rotunda.ie - *Patient Information*

University College Cork

Department of Medicine and Health -
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www.ucc.ie/en/obsgyn/about/

Irish Patients Association

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International Organisations

**The Royal College of Obstetricians
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Telephone: +44 (0)20 7772 6200
www.rcog.org.uk/ - *Information for Patients*

**National Institute for Health and
Clinical Excellence**

www.nice.org.uk
NICE is an independent British organisation
responsible for providing national guidance on
promoting good health and preventing and
treating ill health and uses its website to
publish an extensive range of clinical guidelines.

**European College and Board of
Obstetrics & Gynaecology**

www.ebcog.org/

**International Federation of
Gynecology and Obstetrics**

www.igo.org/
This website lists the World Health Organisation
(WHO) publications on making pregnancy safer

About The Public Meeting Series

In line with its mission to promote a healthy nation, the Royal College of Physicians in 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.

Next Meeting:

29th April 2008 - Topic: Childhood Obesity – Faculty of Paediatrics



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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INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICIANS
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The Institute of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists was formed and incorporated into the Royal College of Physicians in 1976. The primary objective of the Institute is to represent Obstetrical and Gynaecological opinion in Ireland in a professional advisory and administrative capacity, to act as the advisory Body in Ireland in matters relating to education, training, research and administration in the speciality of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and to promote excellence in the areas of patient care, professional standards, education and research in Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

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