

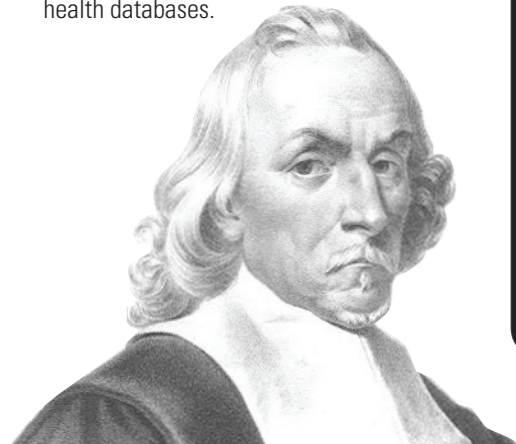
## SERVICES

### Membership

You do not need to be a doctor or a medical student to join the RSM Library. Please see [www.rsm.ac.uk/librar/membership.php](http://www.rsm.ac.uk/librar/membership.php) for **Membership information** for the Library (daily and half day Membership also available).

As a Member you may make full use of the facilities, situated in the heart of the west end between Oxford Street and Harley Street.

- Members can borrow up to 8 items at a time.
- Books can be borrowed for 4 weeks, journals for 2 weeks.
- Low cost supply of reprints of journal articles.
- Research undertaken on your behalf at competitive prices.
- Access to over 1000 electronic journal titles remotely and a wide range of online health databases.



### Exhibitions

The RSM Library has regular free exhibitions on a variety of topics such as ancient Egyptian medicine and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes, providing a look at rarely seen items both from the Society's and from other significant institutions.

For more details, please go to: [www.rsm.ac.uk/public/exhibitions.php](http://www.rsm.ac.uk/public/exhibitions.php)

### Tours

If you would like to see more of what the RSM Library can offer you, please come on one of our free tours, to book your place contact [library@rsm.ac.uk](mailto:library@rsm.ac.uk) or telephone +44 (0)20 7290 2941

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that William Harvey (1578-1657) proved that the blood moves around the body in a circle, propelled by the heart through the arteries, and is returned through the veins? His book "Exercitatio Anatomica de Motu Cordis et Sanguinis in Animalibus", is probably the most famous medical book ever published, and among the rarest. Only 55 copies of the first edition published in 1628 exist anywhere in the world, one of them in the RSM Library.

## THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE LIBRARY

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### Library opening hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am-7pm  
Friday - 9am-5:30pm  
Saturday - 10am-4:30pm  
Sunday – closed

## HOW TO FIND US

### By London Underground

Nearest stations: Central and Jubilee lines to Bond Street (Less than 10 minutes walk) or Victoria, Bakerloo and Central lines Oxford Circus (Less than 10 minutes walk).

### By bus

Nearest bus routes: 6, 7, 10, 13, 15, 23, 25, 30, 55, 73, 94, 98, 113, 137, 139, 159, 175, 189, 274, 390 are all within walking distance to the RSM.

### By car

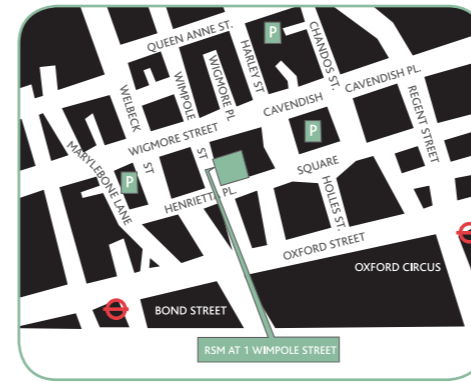
The RSM is in the congestion charging zone. Wimpole Street is a one-way street, approached from Henrietta Place.

### Parking near the RSM

Car parks are located in Cavendish Square and Marylebone Lane, both five minutes walk away.

For more information visit the City of Westminster website:

<http://www.westminster.gov.uk/transportandstreets/parking/about/parkright.cfm>



### By foot

1 Wimpole Street is located behind House of Fraser, off Oxford Street.

The gentlemen on the front of this brochure are Hieronymus Freher (left) and his son Marquard Friedrich Freher (right). Both were born in Augsburg, Germany, in the 16th c. Their descendant, the surgeon Paul Freher, is the author of 'Theatrum virorum eruditione clarorum', a 17th c. equivalent of 'Who's who', from which this portrait may have been taken.

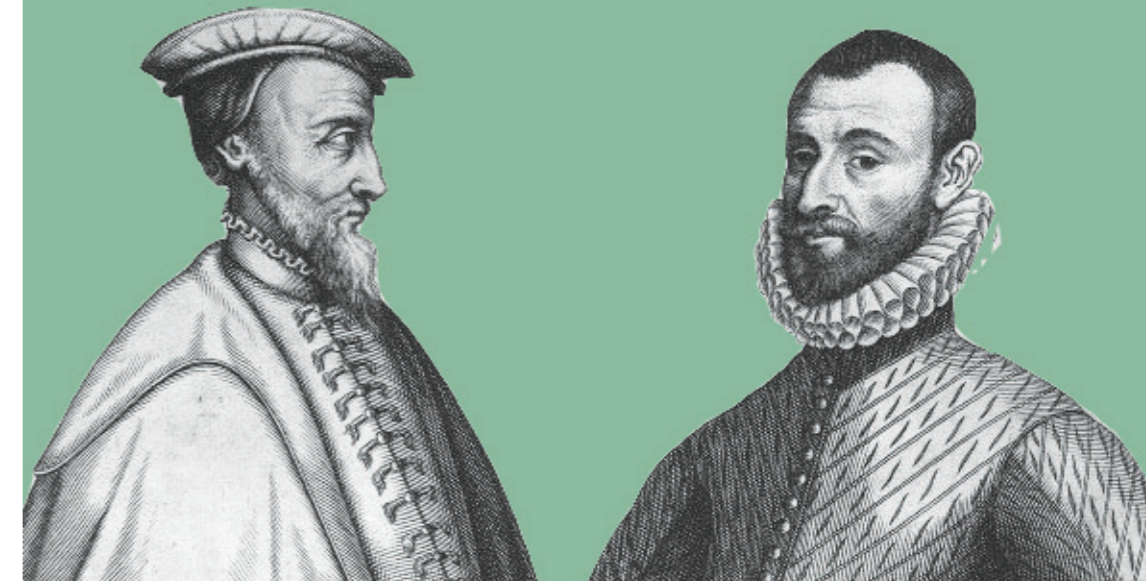
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# YOUR GUIDE TO THE RSM LIBRARY

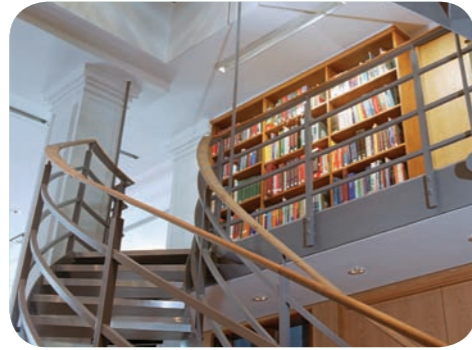
Interesting facts about the Royal Society of Medicine's Library



# THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE LIBRARY

## Our collections

Welcome to one of the finest postgraduate medical libraries in Europe. With over half a million volumes dating back to the 15th century, our collection of books, journals, portraits, photographs and manuscripts provides a fascinating insight into the world of medical knowledge. Unlike other libraries, most of our stock is on open access.

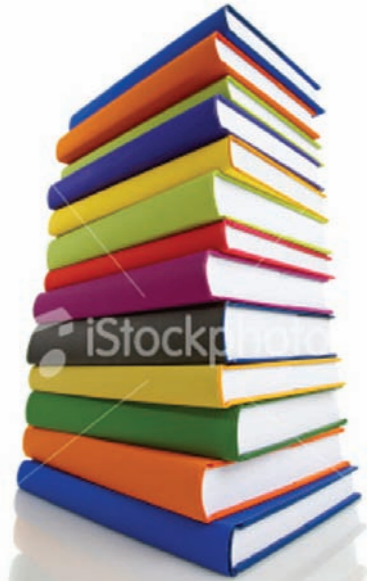


## Medical history

As well as being in the forefront of medical information the RSM Library also has a large collection of historical resources, both published and in manuscript form, with many unique items. 'Feature of the month' highlights every month a special piece in our collection

[www.rsm.ac.uk/welcom/feature.php](http://www.rsm.ac.uk/welcom/feature.php)

The Society's Archive resources record the activities of meetings held throughout the Society's history including famous Fellows and Presidents. Honorary Fellows have included Darwin, Pasteur and Freud.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The RSM Library has over half a million volumes dating back to the 15th century with more than 1000 new books added each year (that's ½ mile of shelf space!).

## Family history

The RSM Library has been around for over two hundred years and has collected a wealth of information on medical professionals over many centuries. Some useful starting points:

- The Medical Directory (since 1845) is where the majority of doctors voluntarily provide information about their qualifications, specialities and place of work.
- The Medical Register (since 1959) lists all registered doctors.
- Index Medicus (since 1879) contains details of medical journal articles.
- The Lancet (since 1823) and British Medical Journal (since 1857) have regular obituaries of medical professionals amongst other interesting period details.

## Patient information

The Library also has a small collection of books of interest to the general public such as:

- Your guide to Back Pain.
- Blood pressure: all you need to know.
- A Career in Medicine: Do you have what it takes?
- Walking London's Medical History.
- Medicine and Art.

For more titles on specific medical conditions, history, art in medicine and general interest, please see [www.rsm.ac.uk/public/bookshop.php](http://www.rsm.ac.uk/public/bookshop.php)



### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the RSM Library's copy of the 1654 edition of Nicolas Culpeper's Pharmacopoeia Londinensis was formerly owned by Rudyard Kipling? The book contains Kipling's distinctive and characteristic bookplate, and, pasted to the end board, is an autograph letter from Kipling.

## Careers in medicine

The RSM Library is also great a resource for those planning a career in medicine.

- Every year up to 1,000 new books are added to the Library
- We subscribe to over 1,300 current journals covering all aspects of biomedical science
- Modern study spaces, 28 PCs and private study rooms
- Wi-Fi and laptop connections throughout

Extensive remote online resources are available via the Members only part of the website. Services such as document supply, literature searches and database training are also offered.



## Portrait collection

With around 6000 portraits of medical personalities covering the last four centuries these are a wonderful window on another age. Amongst many gems there is the renowned Diamond collection, the first photographic images of mentally ill patients taken during Dr Diamond's time as Resident Superintendent of the Female Department of the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum 1848-1858.

Access the Library catalogue for thumbnail images of these and many others at [www.rsm.ac.uk/library](http://www.rsm.ac.uk/library)

