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British Society for the History of Medicine

Our principal aim is to support organisations and individuals in the UK interested in all aspects of the history of medicine.



28th Biennial Congress

11-14 September 2019

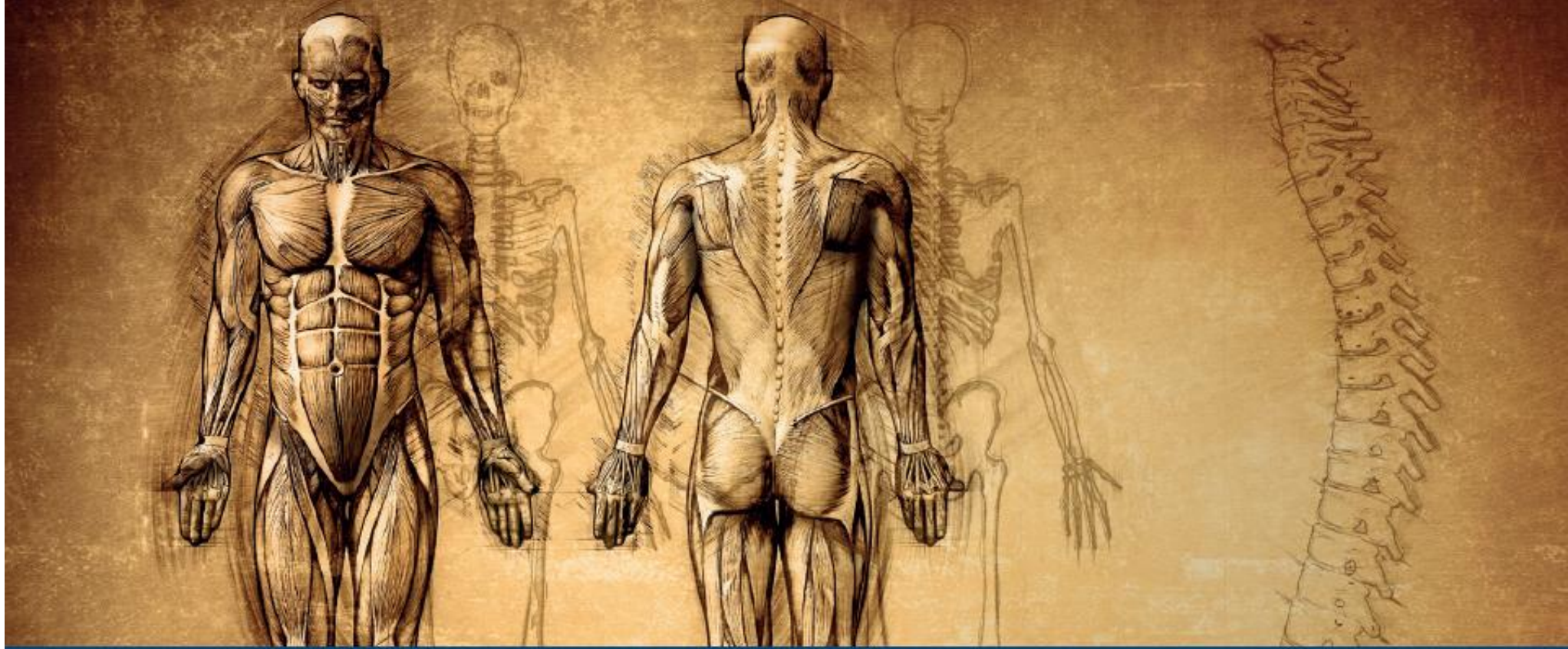
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Medicine at Sea

Health Care Education

Medicine in the West of Britain

Mental Illness and Mental Disability



SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

TEACHING ANATOMY FROM CLASSICAL TO MODERN TIMES

FRIDAY 26TH AND SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2020
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

Announcing a forthcoming symposium hosted by The Scottish Society of the History of Medicine with the British Society for the History of Medicine.

BSHM Joint meeting with the Osler Club of London

*Sir William Osler 1849-1919: The relevance
of his legacy today*

&

Poynter Lecture 2020

Dr John WK Ward

1 October 2020

LONDON

Location: Royal College of Physicians

BSHM Congress 2021

29th Biennial Congress

15-18 September 2021

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Our aims, objectives and initiatives

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International Society

John Blair Trust

Constitution

British Society for the History of Medicine is an active and vibrant organisation that has a great interest in the study of the history of medicine. We strive to promote organisations and individuals with an interest in the study of the history of medicine and to provide a platform for presentation and sharing of research.

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Affiliated Organisations

Links

Membership Application Forms

Register as a BSHM Member of an Affiliated Organisation

Privileges of membership

- The BSHM disseminates information about forthcoming medical history events to members.
- The BSHM welcomes applications for affiliated organisations.
- The Congress and the Poynter event take place in alternate years. They are held at venues throughout the UK.



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Future Events

Events of Affiliated Organisations

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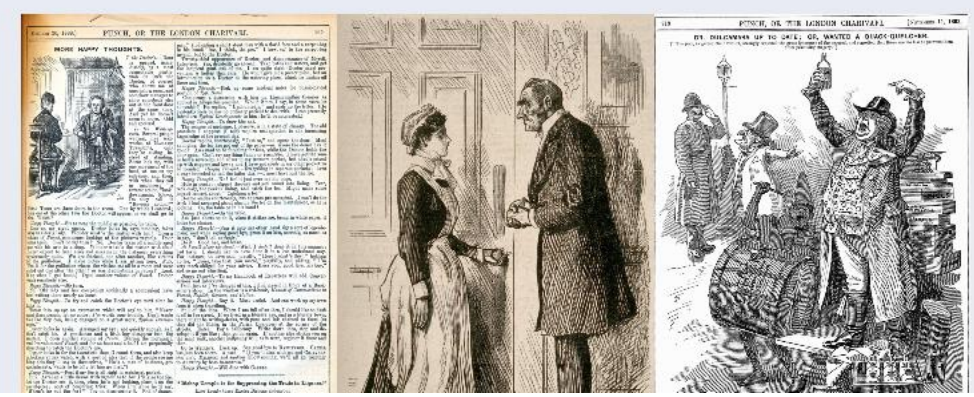
Laughter is the best medicine

Posted on 9th February 2020 by Flora Malein | [Leave a comment](#)

Anyone who has read doctor-turned-comedian Adam Kay's best-selling 'This Is Going to Hurt' about his experiences on the obstetrics wards will be aware that medicine provides rich pickings for humour and satire.

But Kay is not the first person to draw on medical experiences to amuse his audiences. For as long as modern medicine has existed, medics and patients have been finding the humour in their experiences, helping to inform on attitudes and experiences from that time.

One such example is this excerpt from the October 1869 magazine, Punch. Written by Francis Cowley Burnand, a nineteenth century comic writer and playwright whose popular column 'Happy Thoughts' describes the difficulties and distractions of everyday life.



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- The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries Now Walks Like Others
- Joseph Bazalgette (28/3/1819 – 15/3/1891)
- A Breath of Life in the Archives
- The Story of the Stethoscope
- 50 Years of Fibre-optic Colonoscopy
- The Flint Water Crisis: have lessons from history been forgotten (again)?
- Caricature, contestation and the making of 'Typhoid Mary'

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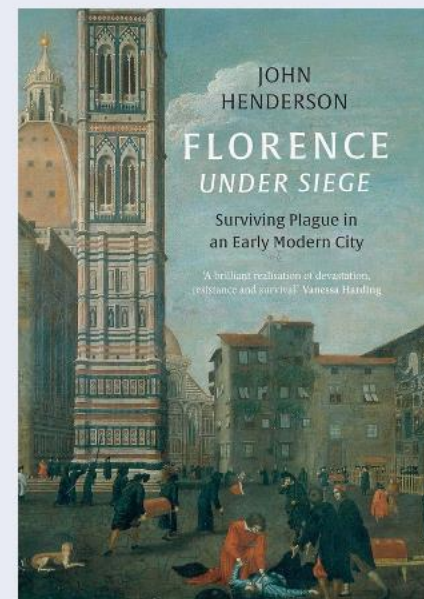
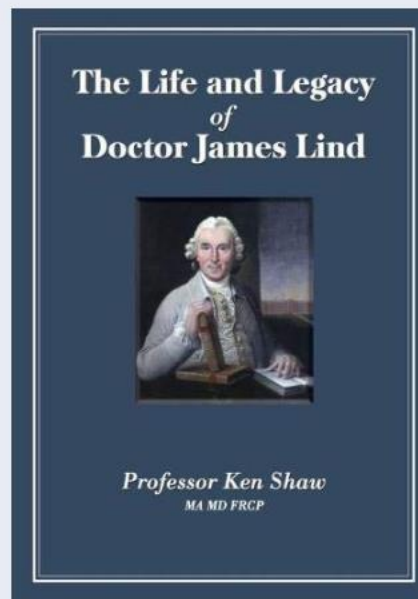
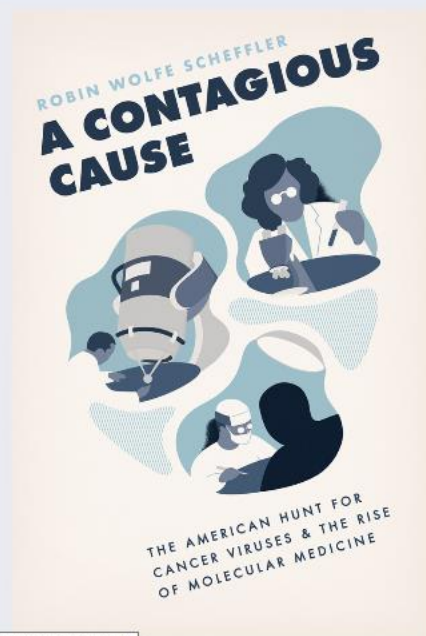
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Book Reviews

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