

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The history of Trinity College's medical school is written in the names of the wards of St. James' and Tallaght hospitals. Burkitt, Houston, Stokes, Gogarty, Cramp-ton, Young, Webb, Beckett- these men and women represent leaders in both Irish healthcare and in the advancement of medical science. This legacy of education and discovery is at the heart of the modern medical school at Trinity College.



This year we celebrate the 300th year since the foundation of the medical school. This edition of the Trinity Student Medical Journal contains articles that highlight this continued spirit of innovation and excellence. As such, the articles are varied and focus on both individual researchers as well as entire departments that continue to lead the way in innovative medicine. There are also articles that illustrate the evolution of medical education through time, as well as the introduction and place for problem based learning in medicine.

Student initiative and innovation is also at the heart of the TSMJ. The journal was founded in 1999 by medical students, for medical students (with the invaluable guidance from Profs. Moira O'Brien and Conleth Feighery). Since then the TSMJ has become a forum for medical students to publish review articles, case reports, and original research. The TSMJ now publishes articles by students, not only from Trinity College, but also from all the medical colleges in Ireland, thereby expanding both the scope of the content and also highlighting the interest in student-lead research.

I must take this opportunity to acknowledge the tireless, and entirely voluntary, work of my co-editors, production team, and conference organisers. I am grateful for their efforts. We hope you enjoy this special edition of the journal.

Yours sincerely,

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