



AUCKLAND MEDICAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2023 Lecture Series

Welcome to the next lectures in our series

Thursday 6 July at 7pm

Venue

Ernest and Marion Davis Library (EMDL)
Building 43, Auckland City Hospital

The James Newman Lecture

Title

Bring Back the Cane

Presented by

John Cullen

The History of the Anti-Vaccination Movement

Presented by

Megan Kuan

A History of Lobotomy

Presented by

Claudia Hall

EMDL will open at **6pm** with tea and coffee available prior to the main presentation beginning at **7pm**.

Bookings are not required, all welcome

Highlights of the Ernest and Marion Davis Collection

At **6.15pm** join us to learn more about some of the fascinating objects in the EMDL collection and the people associated with their provenance. This will be an informal walk and talk for a small group of up to about **12** people

We look forward to seeing you at another evening of medical history and thank you for supporting the AMHS.

Donations to enable the continued operation of the Society may be made to:

Bank account: 02 0160 0237509 00

A koha will be invited at the conclusion of the meeting.

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The James Newman Lecture

Biography

John Cullen

Born 1937 Greymouth New Zealand. Lived and went to school in Fiji 1945-1952
University of Otago Medical School graduated 1961 President OUSA
Olympic Games 1960/64 (Hockey). Nuffield Dominions Trust Scholarship Oxford 1968-70 M.Sc.
(Oxon). Appointed full time orthopaedic surgeon Middlemore then helped to establish orthopaedic
service at Auckland Hospital. Senior Lecturer Auckland Medical School Associate Professor 1977/78

In 2000 ceased private practice and resigned from Auckland Hospital to establish a new orthopaedic
service for the Waitemata District Health Board. Ceased active surgery in 2013
Employed by WDHB to lead special projects including a hospital for elective surgery and an
education centre. Retired from WDHB in 2022. Previously an orthopaedic examiner, President of the
NZ Orthopaedic association, Medical advisor to Southern Cross Healthcare orthopaedic surgeon
Devonport Naval base

Abstract

Walking sticks

A talk focused on walking sticks, the history, and a definition. Their structure and the materials used
in their construction. Walking stick functions and modifications. How they assist in walking balance
and weight transmission Anecdotes and secrets of a few famous walking sticks. Asclepius and the
Caduceus.

Two Presentations from Students

Biography

My name is **Megan Kuan** and I am a 3rd year undergraduate medical student and I took the first-
year biomed pathway. I have found studying the nervous system very interesting so far, but I'm
currently keeping my options open regarding specialties, and looking forward to gaining experience
on placement next year.

Abstract

The History of the Anti-Vaccination Movement

My presentation is on the history of the anti-vaccination movement from its beginnings in the 18th
century, to today. I explore this by looking at the backlash faced by the small pox, MMR, and COVID-
19 vaccines.

Biography

My name is **Claudia Hall**, I am a third-year medical student with particular interest in
anaesthesiology, fertility/obstetrics, infectious disease, and oncology. Prior to starting my medical
degree, I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Otago with a double major in biochemistry and human
nutrition, and an Honours in Biomedical Sciences, with my project focused on preclinical anti-cancer
drugs at the ACSRC.

Abstract

A History of Lobotomy

This presentation dives into the dark history of lobotomy, including a timeline of the
development and popularity of lobotomies, with particular focus on Walter Freeman's
transorbital lobotomy. The cultural background and scope of mental health treatment in the
twentieth century will be discussed, as well as a look into two lobotomy case studies and
the eventual demise of the practice.