



Museum of Health Care

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Public lecture on the development of the electrocardiogram in recognition of World Heart Day

The Museum of Health Care, in partnership with the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario, presents the 13th annual Margaret Angus Research Fellowship Evening Presentation, to be held during the week of World Heart Day (27 September 2009).

The electrocardiogram, ECG, is the most widely used diagnostic tool. This clinical device provides a graphical representation of all the electrical activity of the heart at a given time. 2009 Margaret Angus Research Fellow Leanne Shapton, a fourth-year Life Sciences student at Queen's University, will present her paper "From Laboratory Instrument to Powerful Diagnostic Tool: The Impact of the Electrocardiogram on the Clinical Diagnosis of Heart Disease, 1900-1970." Shapton's paper will focus on the development of the electrocardiogram and its impact on cardiac patient care.

The presentation will be held on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glaxo Wellcome Clinical Education Centre (Louise D. Acton Building, 31 George St., Queen's University). Refreshments will follow at the Museum of Health Care (32 George St.). Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Museum of Health Care is Canada's only mission-specific health care museum and home to one of the largest collections of medical artefacts in Canada. Each year the Margaret Angus Research Fellow is selected by the Museum from a pool of qualified applicants. The appointed Fellow spends the duration of the six-month program researching and preparing a manuscript reflecting the history of health and health care as expressed by components of the Museum's collection. The Museum is privileged to have its Research Fellowship named after Dr. Margaret Angus, whose historical publications and contributions to the heritage community have been recognized throughout Canada. Dr. Angus died on February 15, 2008, a few months shy of her 100th birthday.

For more information, visit The Museum of Health Care's website at www.museumofhealthcare.ca.

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