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## **New educational program “Electrifying Medicine” at the Museum of Health Care**



X-Ray Tube, Museum of Health Care, c. 1920 1969.5001.p1

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – Beginning this fall Grade 6 classes can learn about electricity and some of its medical applications at the Museum of Health Care. “Electrifying Medicine” is a new education program available for booking as of fall 2013 to teachers and other groups. This activity was specifically designed to complement the Grade 6 Science and Technology curriculum, but is appropriate

for participants of ages 9-14.

According to Jenny Stepa, Museum Manager and Program Director, the participants will learn about current and static electricity by examining their properties and applications with an emphasis on their historical and contemporary uses in health care. The program was developed by Public Program Assistants Beatrice D’Angelo and Lucy Vorobej.

“Electricity is an important part of health care that we often take for granted. Among other things, this program will cover how electricity revolutionized the way we think about medical treatment,” says Mrs. Stepa. “It will address the development and current use of electricity in health care by demonstrating a few basic concepts like static electricity, circuits and batteries. There will also be opportunities to interact with artifacts from the collection and take part in small experiments. Expect a lot of balloons, paper and bubbles” she adds.

The Museum of Health Care offers education programs throughout the year and accepts school and other group visits by appointment.

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## Background

To help Canadians better understand the history of health and health care, the Museum preserves and promotes the rich material legacy of Canada's medical and health care past. The Museum serves the general public, practitioners, students, and historians through [exhibitions](#), [interpretive programs](#), and [special events](#) throughout the year.

Information about the Museum of Health Care's Education Programs is available at <http://www.museumofhealthcare.ca/visit/activities-and-programs/visit-the-museum.html>