

'MUSEUM REVELATIONS - 2019'

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The talk describes the contents of two identical Doctors' cases that were separately donated to the collection of the *Welsh Museum of Health and Medicine*. The first was discovered during a Cardiff surgery's removal to a new location nearby. The practice originated with the arrival from Dublin of Dr James Robinson – later Alderman Dr James Robinson, who became the Lord Mayor of Cardiff in 1913. The case had been the practice's emergency obstetric case until about 1965. It contained a number of instruments and drugs that would have been appropriate to the early part of the 20th century in a busy urban practice and reflected the pride and skills of the General Practitioners.

The second bag's contents were very different but contained obstetric resuscitation apparatus appropriate to the late 1960s. The talk explores the history of the contents, their manufacture and associated stories with particular reference to intravenous fluid manufacture, together with contemporary, commercial sterilisation processes.

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