



“this vexed question”
Displaying women in medicine

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'This vexed question'

500 years of women in medicine

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An exhibition revealing the stories of famous
and previously hidden medical women

Free
entry



500 years of medicine





The expected



What's in the stores?



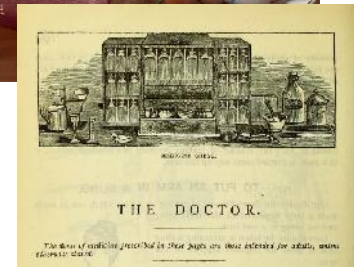
Thinking laterally



Enhancing through loans

(Images: RPS Museum/ British Library)

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Mrs. Linnell her first husband was Dr. of Physick
 and a man indiffe, whose second husband was Mr
 Olden, Surgeon a Surgeon of London
 & his father was Surgeon of Christ Church
 Hospital, I have undergone this practice
 a long time years, & have been every successful
 in them, having nothing else to mention my
 family, having lost all the blood out of the
 City & my husband being taken in the Dutch
 wars, had lost all his had gotten in seven years
 & both America, I would wish to put my wife
 forward to do good, & to get an honest maintenance

Where to look next?



Literature review



Subject experts

(Image: Angus Library)

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National Themes

(Images:
 Florence Nightingale
 Museum/
 The Women's Library
 at LSE)





Oral history & recordings



Hidden histories?

Leg work!
(Image: LSHTM Archives)

Contemporary
Collecting
(Image: Dr Sonja Grubb)

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Portraits

Lessons learned?

- Boring biographies?
- Agonising decision-making
- Time-consuming loans
- Visibility in documentation
- Enhancing through events
- Legacy?