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## Regulations, &c.

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**I**N enacting and publishing the following Regulations, respecting the course of study to be followed by CANDIDATES for SURGICAL DIPLOMAS, the ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH are anxious to evince to the Public how desirous they are of adopting, from time to time, such measures as appear to them to be calculated to improve the education of those who are hereafter to have the care of the health of their fellow-citizens. They are, at the same time, fully aware how much the success and extent of the education of candidates must necessarily depend on those who have the direction of their early studies. Under this conviction, the College cannot omit the opportunity which now offers



of impressing on the minds of parents and others, how necessary it must be for the interest of the public, and of what importance for the future comfort and respectability of the individual, that every one who applies to the study of Surgery should, in a competent degree, have obtained the benefit of a liberal education.

The ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS wish further to remind the public, that the profession of Surgery is a practical art, which cannot be acquired without a long continued and personal intercourse with the sick; they have to regret, therefore, the very general neglect of that practical education which can best, perhaps only, be obtained by serving an apprenticeship in early youth to a regular practitioner, under whose inspection young men have frequent opportunities of being conversant with the sick, and of assisting in preparing and applying the means used for their recovery.

The College have had much satisfaction in

observing, for a series of years, the gradually increasing knowledge and acquirements of those who present themselves to the College for Surgical Diplomas; and they are inclined to hope, that medical practitioners, in every part of the country, will be disposed to concur with the views of the College, by using all their endeavours to encourage the study of the *Latin language, of the elementary parts of Mathematics, of Natural History, and of Botany*, to the young men who, in being placed under their care, are destined to follow the practice of Surgery: *And the College request candidates so observe, that, at the commencement of every examination, they will be required to translate into English some portion of a Latin medical author.*

The Royal College are inclined to hope, that the observance of the regulations now enacted, will prevent any candidate from offering himself for examination, until he has made himself acquainted with the principles of his profession; and, on this account, they have now given orders to have them publish-



ed, that the parents and relations of all young men who are educating to the profession of Surgery may be apprised of the extent of the course of study requisite to be pursued, and enabled, in some measure, to direct the education of their young friends according to a systematic plan; and likewise for the satisfaction of the public at large, who, from a perusal of the regulations, will be able to determine the degree of confidence which they can with prudence repose in the professional attainments of a practitioner, who must possess all the qualifications which an observance of these regulations necessarily implies.

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Course of Study.

CANDIDATES for Surgical Diplomas must have followed their studies in some University of reputation, or under teachers who are resident Fellows or Licentiates of the Colleges

of Physicians or Surgeons of London or Dublin, Resident Fellows of the Colleges of Physicians or Surgeons of Edinburgh, or Resident Members of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Every candidate who has not served an apprenticeship of three or more years to a regular practitioner, must produce certificates of his having attended the instructions of the above designed teachers for a period of three or more winter sessions, in the course of which time he must have attended lectures on

ANATOMY,  
CHEMISTRY,  
INSTITUTIONS, or THEORY of MEDICINE,  
PRACTICE of MEDICINE,  
PRINCIPLES and PRACTICE of SURGERY,  
CLINICAL SURGERY,  
MIDWIFERY,  
MATERIA MEDICA.

The candidate must likewise have attended a Public Hospital for at least one year.



As young gentlemen who are apprentices to regular practitioners possess many opportunities of improvement from which other students are precluded, the Royal College have abridged to them the duration and extent of the academical studies requisite to obtain a diploma ; and have therefore enacted, that

Every candidate who has served an apprenticeship to a regular practitioner of three or more years, must produce certificates of his having attended the instructions of the above designed teachers, for a period of two or more winter sessions, during which time he must have attended lectures on

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PRACTICE of MEDICINE,

PRINCIPLES and PRACTICE of SURGERY,

CLINICAL SURGERY,

MIDWIFERY.

The Candidate must likewise have attended a Public Hospital for at least one year.

### Regulations.

THE days of examination are the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

No candidate will be admitted to examination before the third Tuesday of March of his last year's course of study.

Applications for examination must be made to the President of the Royal College, two days previous to the day of examination.

The fees payable to the funds of the College must be lodged in the hands of the Treasurer before examination.

The fees will be returned to unsuccessful candidates, whose names will be concealed.

Unsuccessful candidates will be remitted to their studies, for a period to be determined by the judgment of the examiners.

Gentlemen who have received diplomas may, on applying to the President, receive certificates of their being qualified to serve as assistant-surgeons in the royal navy.



The President, if he judges it proper, can order a meeting on any day, at the request of a candidate; but, in that case, every candidate so requesting must pay two guineas in addition to the customary fees; and this money is not returned to him in the event of his being rejected.

Apprentices of Fellows of the Royal College pay no fees to its funds for diplomas or certificates.

*Fees Paid to the Funds of the Royal College.*

For a Diploma, the sum of one hundred merks Scots, or five pounds eleven shillings one penny  $\frac{1}{2}$  sterling.

For the certificate of an assistant-surgeon in the royal navy, the sum of nineteen shillings and sixpence sterling.

*Fees payable to the Clerk.*

For a Diploma to a country surgeon, fifteen shillings sterling.

For a Diploma to a student or apprentice, ten shillings and sixpence sterling.

For a Certificate to an assistant-surgeon in the royal navy, three shillings sterling.

*Fees payable to the Officer.*

For a Diploma, three shillings.

For the Certificate of an assistant surgeon in the royal navy, one shilling.

By authority of the ROYAL COLLEGE,

(Signed) JAMES BRYCE, *President.*



In praesentia  
Collegii Regii Chirurgorum Edinensium.

Hic literis testatum volumus virum ingeniosum Andream  
Jensen examini sese subjecisse, et questionibus de rebus anatomicis  
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coluisse, et ad. Vitem Chirurgicam exercendam quam maxime pa-  
ratus esse videatur. Edinburgi da decimo nono mensis Martii Anno 1818.

Testificatio

Johannes Gul. Turner

Johannes Abernethy

Johannes Lister

Johannes H. W. Schach

Jacobus Bryce, Preses.

Joh. Necker

Gustavus Wood

Josephus Bell

Joannes Gougeon

Georgius Bell

David Clay



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Joannes Herdembie

Joannes Linow.

Joannes H. Wishart



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Guil. Neesbregging

Guilielmus Wood

Josephus Bell

Joannes Janssens

Georgius Bell

David Hay



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Jacobus Broun, Praeses.

Guilielmus Wood  
Joannes Bell  
Georgius Bell  
David Clay

William Bell  
Joannes Bell  
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