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## Mitteilungen

From: The Wellcome Trust,  
52 Queen Anne Street,  
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### *First University Department of History of Medicine* Wellcome Trust grant to University College

The Wellcome Trustees announce the creation of the first University department of the history of medicine in Britain. It will be within the Department of Anatomy in the Faculty of Medical Science at University College London where the late Professor CHARLES SINGER held appointments in the history of medicine until his retirement in 1942.

The department will function from new accommodation provided by the Trust which will include a seminar room and library, facilities for postgraduate research workers and a laboratory for practical history. It will be under the direction of Dr. EDWIN CLARKE, M.D., M.R.C.P., at present Medical Historian to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum and Library. Until the new accommodation is ready the department will be at the Wellcome Building in Euston Road.

The object of the department, which is complementary to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum and Library, and will work in close co-operation with it, is to foster the study of the history of medicine through teaching and research. Initially tuition will be given to students of medicine at University College London.

Dr. Clarke is aged 47, and since leaving the position of Lecturer in Neurology at the Postgraduate Medical School of London has devoted his time to research and teaching in the history of medicine, in the Institute for the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, as fellow, instructor and assistant professor, and at Yale, where he was visiting Associate Professor of the History of Medicine. He returned from America to an appointment at the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum and Library in 1963. His principal interest is in the history of neurology, a field which will integrate well with the interests of the Departments of the Medical Faculty at University College London.

Sir HENRY WELLCOME, founder of the Wellcome Trust, was keenly interested in the history of medicine, and his Museum and Library, owned by the Trust, comprises a unique collection of books and objects for study of it. The Wellcome Trustees are particularly pleased to have made this arrangement to carry out the bequest of the founder to develop medical history.

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