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## History of Medicine Section

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6.15 pm

Online Lecture, via Zoom

### *Dr Edward Worth and infectious diseases in early eighteenth-century Dublin*

**Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Librarian, the Edward Worth Library, Dublin**



Portrait of Dr Edward Worth

Quercetanus redivivus

from title page



Francesco Torti, *Therapeutice specialis*

ad febres (Modena, 1712), foldout

plate of fevers



Joseph Du Chesne,

(Frankfurt, 1648), detail

This lecture investigates infectious diseases in early eighteenth-century Dublin through the prism of the library of Dr Edward Worth (1676-1733), an early eighteenth-century Dublin physician. The lecture will examine Worth's plague collection, along with other contemporary printed sources, to explore what was known about the 1720 Marseille plague in Dublin and how Dublin society reacted to it. The lecture will also examine other infectious diseases, such as smallpox and tuberculosis, not only in the context of Worth's own collecting, but also in the broader context of the Dublin book trade in the early decades of the eighteenth century.

**All Welcome, particularly students**

**(This event is free, but registration is required at: [www.rami.ie](http://www.rami.ie) and click on the event link)**