

'It's all in the Pee'



A talk by

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The medical profession has a long and established history of tasting urine in order to make medical diagnoses.

For example, the original name of type 2 diabetes was diabetes mellitus, with mellitus being derived from the Latin for honey to signify how sweet the urine tasted!

Thankfully, most of us have moved on from tasting urine these days and in this talk I will explain how developments in analytical biochemistry are being used to diagnose disease. Analysis of urine can be used to track drug treatments, diet and even exercise. It can even be used to provide a personal profile of metabolism that can help to determine your gender, your size, what diseases you may be predisposed to, what foods you eat, and perhaps what foods you shouldn't eat.

Date: Saturday 18th March

Time: 13.00

Location: Library Reading Room, Hopkins Building.

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