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Heritage Committee

I have a genuine and longstanding interest in history in general, and as I have progressed in my career, the history of medicine shows itself to be more and more fascinating and important. I have seen how the innovation from history, something I actively integrate into my teaching practice, really captivates an audience. In my sessions on core topics such as chest X-ray interpretation and ECG fundamentals, I routinely incorporate the work of pioneers such as Wilhelm Röntgen and Willem Einthoven to contextualise modern practice and give anchors to learning.

Through this role, I would aim to contribute to the development of accessible, trainee-focused heritage content, such as short teaching resources, webinars, or conference sessions that link historical innovation with current clinical practice. As I mentioned, understanding the history of a topic allows us a learning anchor and allows us to learn from lessons of the past.

I would also seek to take an active leadership role within the committee by helping to coordinate trainee involvement in heritage initiatives, including collaborative projects across training regions. My goal would be to create outputs such as national teaching sessions or digital resources, that increase engagement with the Society's heritage work.

This role represents an opportunity for me to develop my leadership skills at a national level. This year I have completed the Royal College of Physicians Chief Registrar programme, and led service delivery and operational improvements. I would hope to transfer these skills to make a positive impact in the heritage role.