

## Directory of History of Medicine Collections

**Organization Name:** The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RANZCOG)

**Organization Type:** Archive; Library; Museum

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**Abstract:** The RANZCOG Historical Collections comprises the College Archives, the Frank Forster Library, the Museum and the College Collection of art, furniture, artefacts and regalia. Fellows and Members of the College (Including retired fellows and members) are able to access the collections and borrow items without cost. Visits to the College is by appointment for researchers and members of the public. Overseas enquiries and reference requests can be made by emailing [ranzcog@ranzcog.edu.au](mailto:ranzcog@ranzcog.edu.au) (Costs on application)

**Holdings:** The Archives consist of the administrative records of the RANZCOG and its predecessors dating from 1947. The holdings also include an extensive collection of personal papers and photographic and audiovisual materials. The Frank Forster Library is an historical library with collection strengths in the fields of obstetrics, gynaecology, women's health, sex education and birth control. The library comprises a general collection and a rare book collection. The general collection is a broad collection holding titles from Australia, New Zealand and overseas. The rare book collection contains many rare antiquarian books dating from the 16th century. The museum was established in 1954. The collection holds obstetric and gynaecological instruments dating from the mid-18th century to the present day, including a significant collection of forceps.

**Collection Subject Strengths:** History of Gynecology and Obstetrics; History of Midwifery

**Other Collection Subject Strengths:**

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