

Dr Florence A. Stoney

Florence A. Stoney served as the College Medical Officer from at least 1903 to 1910. She is thought to be the lecturer in the photograph of a physiology class in 1903. Madame Österberg's College Prospectus 1903 lists Florence Stoney as a visiting anatomy teacher: *Miss F. Stoney, M.D., B.S. Lond. Demonstrator of Anatomy at the School of Medicine for Women, London.*

In 2019 the Österberg Collection Archivist assisted the authors with research for a book: *Edith and Florence Stoney, Sisters in Radiology* by Adrian Thomas and Francis Duck; published 2019 by Springer Biographies. The book covers the lives of both Edith and Florence who *pioneered the use of new electromedical technologies, especially X-rays but also ultraviolet radiation and diathermy.*

Florence joined The Women's Imperial Service League in 1914, formed by Mrs St Clair Stobart and was appointed the *Doctor in Charge*. Before the war Florence had set up the x-ray department at the Royal Free and the New Hospital for Women. She took with her to the front the very latest in x-ray equipment.

In 1915 Florence was working at the Chateaux Tourbeville, Cherbourg, a Unit of Women's Imperial Service Hospital. On the staff list was Silvia Cowles (1903), who was recorded as a masseuse. (Florence must have taught Silvia at college.)

Florence was asked to take over the responsibility of the x ray department at Fulham Hospital in 1915, a post she fulfilled until the end of WWI.

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