



# Art and Medicine - A Productive Interchange

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## Abstract

There have been many examples of the influence of medicine as an inspiration and motivation for artists in the production of works of art from ancient times to the present day.

The positive role of art in helping to improve the healing environment for patients in hospitals, nursing homes and clinics is also now generally acknowledged as an important factor in patient recovery and general well being.

This lecture will set out to explore the diversity of the interaction between art and medicine and give examples of historic and contemporary cases that illustrate how productive and in some cases how controversial this relationship has been over an extended period of time.

## Biography

Prof. John Aiken is the Director of the Academy of Visual Arts at HKBU. He is an artist with broad experience of working on public art projects nationally and internationally including in the health sector.

He has been involved in a number of projects that have introduced artworks into hospital environments in the United Kingdom including Belfast City Hospital, Great Ormond Street Hospital and University College Hospital, London. He has served on the Arts and Heritage Committee of the Middlesex Hospital in London and led a research team investigating how art could be integrated into a new building for University College Hospital London. He initiated in partnership with UCL Medical Humanities, Arts Council England, Royal College of Physicians and National Network for Arts in Health the Arts in Health Awards in 2006.

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