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Public Programs

Field Trips

A field trip to the Museum can be used to complement classroom topics ranging from human anatomy to medical careers.

Anatomy in the Gallery

This rotating exhibition program showcases contemporary art with medical themes, such as anatomy, body image, disease, disability, and healing.

Special Events

The historic mansion is a distinctive venue available for special events such as lectures, fundraisers and tours.

Membership

Show your support of the Museum by becoming a member. Benefits include: free admission, special discounts on various public programs, and free or reduced admission to over 200 science-technology centers around the world.

Guided Tours

Learn more about the exhibits and history of the building.

For more information about our Public Programs, call 312-642-6502 ext. 3130.

General Information

Hours

Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm
Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm

Admission

\$15 for adults
\$10 for students and seniors
\$7 for youth ages 4–13
Free admission on Tuesdays



Validated reduced parking fees are available at the following locations:
1 1445 N. State Prky. (entrance on E. Burton Pl.)
2 1350 N. Lake Shore Dr. (entrance on E. Banks St.)
3 Clark St. and LaSalle (entrance on Stockton Dr.)

For more information

Call 312-642-6502, visit our website at www.imss.org, or e-mail us at info@imss.org.

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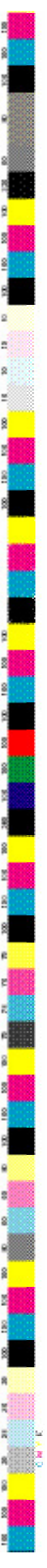


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Apothecary Shop



Life, Labor, Study, Charity, Death



Hall of Immortals

Historic Home

The historic lakeside mansion that is now the Museum was constructed in 1917, under the careful direction of Eleanor Robinson Countess to house her family. The elegant structure was designed to follow the historic lines of Le Petit Trianon, a French chateau on the grounds of Versailles completed in 1770 for Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The noted Chicago architect Howard Van Doren Shaw was hired to design the Countess mansion.



Library

"Wonderful to see the art of science and visual arts together."
- Phyllis Brody, Chicago, IL

Original interior finishes of Italian marble and cut stone; decorative plaster work, metal fixtures and hardware; eight marble fireplaces; and a gilded metal grand staircase are among the features which have been preserved.

One of the few remaining lakefront mansions, and the only one open to the public, the building is listed in the National Register and the Illinois Register of Historic Places and is a City of Chicago Landmark.

Mission

The mission of the International Museum of Surgical Science is to enrich people's lives by enhancing their appreciation and understanding of history, development, and advances of surgery and related subjects in health and medicine.

Since 1954, the Museum has provided education on the history and progress of surgery and related medical sciences to hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world.



Milestones in Medical Imaging

Exhibits

The Museum's four floors are filled with extraordinary artifacts, as well as paintings, illustrations and sculptures that interpret the primitive and modern healing practices of Eastern and Western civilizations. From early practices to today's revolutionary techniques, the Museum's collections and exhibitions portray the mysteries, breakthroughs, failures, and milestones that have shaped modern surgical science. Museum exhibits are installed according to theme or health care discipline, including

cardiovascular surgery, spinal surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, medical imaging, nursing, and pain management.



Windows to the World

"I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the growth of technology through the ages."
- Diana Hauser, British Columbia, Canada