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SGH Museum  
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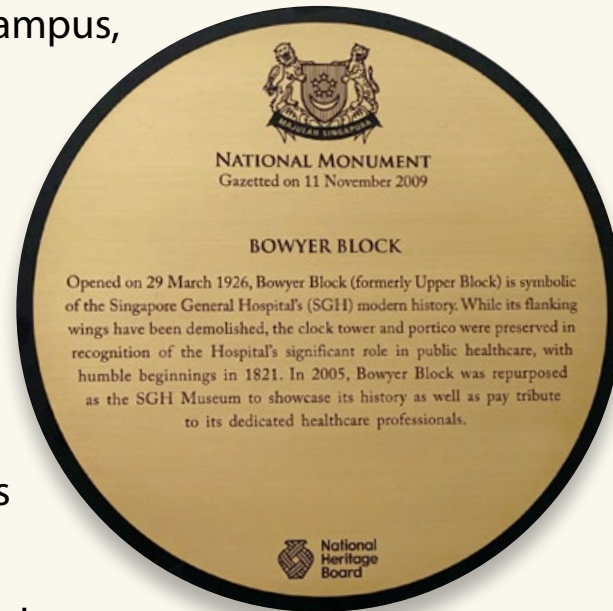
Located in the heart of SGH Campus, the SGH Museum is housed in the Bowyer Block, an iconic architectural landmark gazetted a national monument in 2009.

The SGH Museum is a repository of medical artefacts and records where visitors can relate with the long and rich history of Singapore General Hospital (SGH), learn about the development of medical specialties and get an insight into SGH's significant contributions and impact on Singapore's healthcare through the years. The revamped SGH Museum offers visitors an experiential journey beyond the physical displays and exhibits where more content is available in the digital space accessible through call-to-action QR codes.

## Pioneers of Our Progress

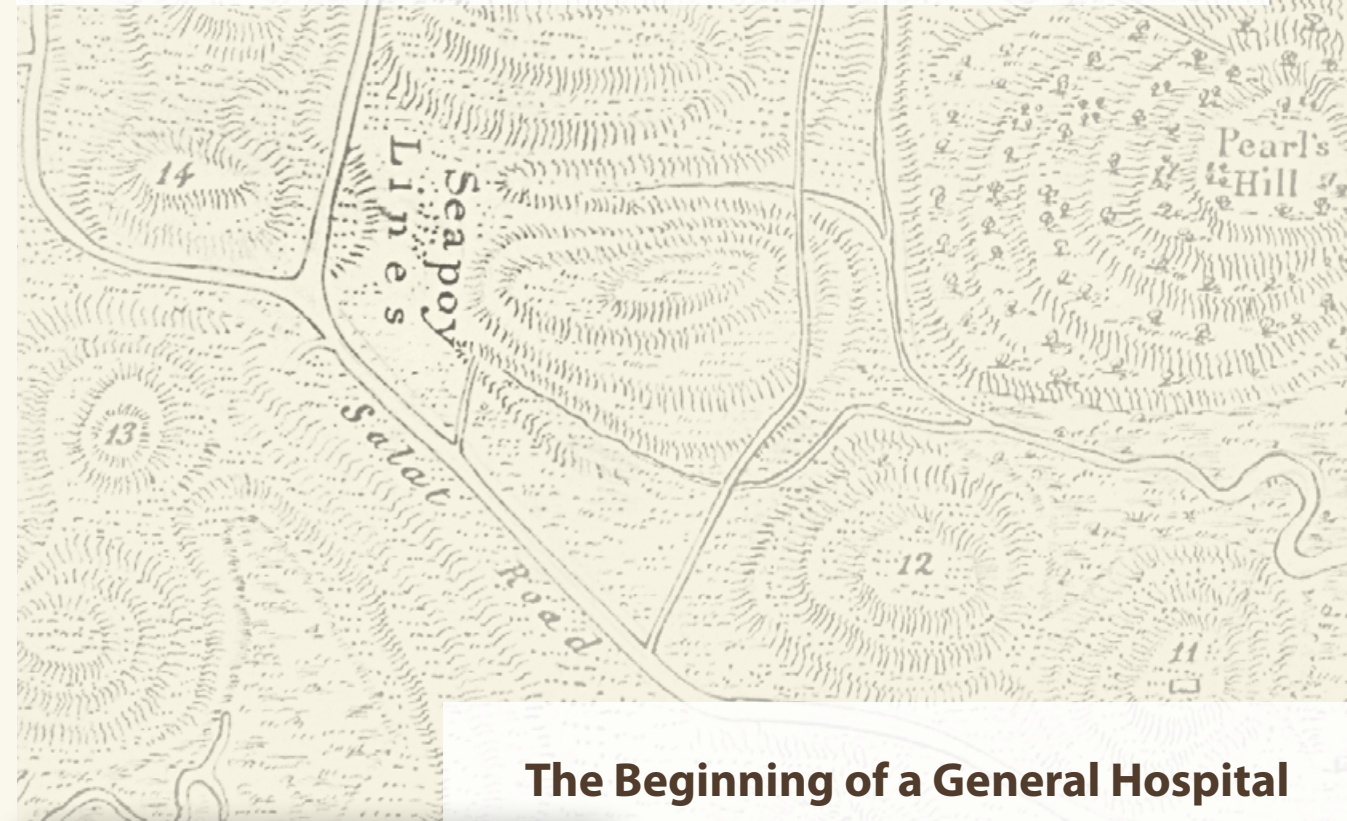
From the vantage point of the history of Singapore medical development, these antiquated medical objects and equipment are bearers of the enduring testimonies of the hospital's pioneering spirit.

The hospital pays tribute to the many visionaries who had built on the foundation of our early pioneers; And the many clinicians, nurses and mentors whose sense of vocation, skills and knowledge had been an inspiration to many.



## Our Roots

In the early days, Singapore General Hospital (SGH) was commonly known to Singaporeans as See Pai Poh, or the hospital on the hill, a place where people can go to seek medical care available to all.



## The Beginning of a General Hospital

SGH had humble beginnings in 1821, when it first started as a wooden shed, highlighting the milestones and defining moments as she develops into a premier hospital.

On 29 March 1926, the hospital's modern history began with the opening of 800 beds and it became a public medical institution open to locals.





## Hospital Under Siege

Learn first hand account of the hospital under siege during the Japanese Occupation, and get a glimpse into the tenacity of the staff who tended to the sick and war casualties amidst the backdrop of the war.



## Growth and Modernisation

Learn how the early medical units gave rise to the pioneering and modernisation of medical specialties from 1950s to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## Our Pillars of Strength

This section pays tribute to many giants in healthcare bestriding the corridors of SGH in their times.

They teach and inspire, guarding and bequeathing their precious legacies – lessons in passion, courage, generosity and strength and humility – to generations to come.

## Windows to Our Past

On display are the antiquated equipment which were significant to the medical specialties in Singapore.

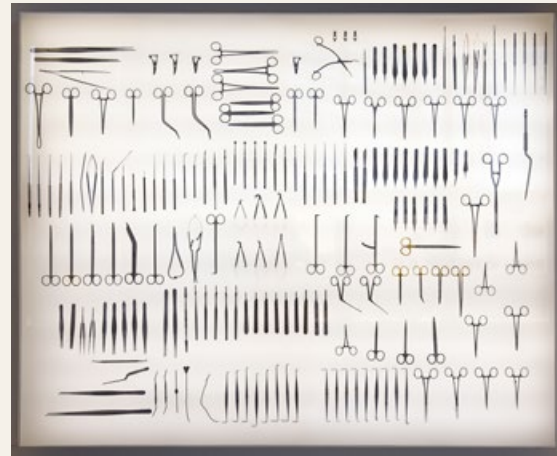
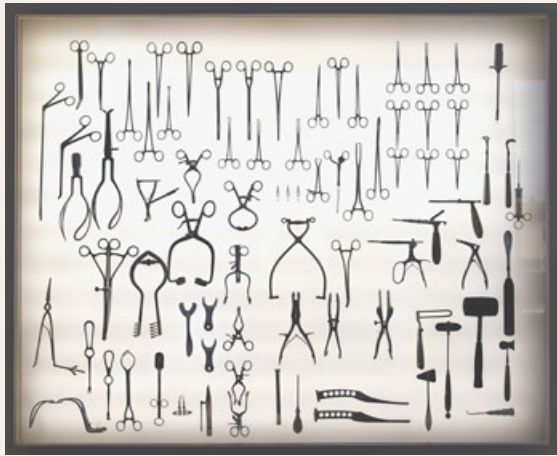
## Our Alma Mater

Medical and nursing education in Singapore traced its roots to SGH. The King Edward VII College of Medicine was a storehouse of memories of those who have taught and studied there.

A recreated facade of this historical building, including the allegorical bas-relief sculptures and moulding conceived by Italian artist Cavaliere Rudolfo Nolli, depicting the teaching and practice of medicine.







## Tools of the Trade – Objet d’art

Display of selected surgical instruments that were once used in Singapore General Hospital. Some were used in ground-breaking procedures in Singapore’s medical history.



## The Queen of Siam Cabinet

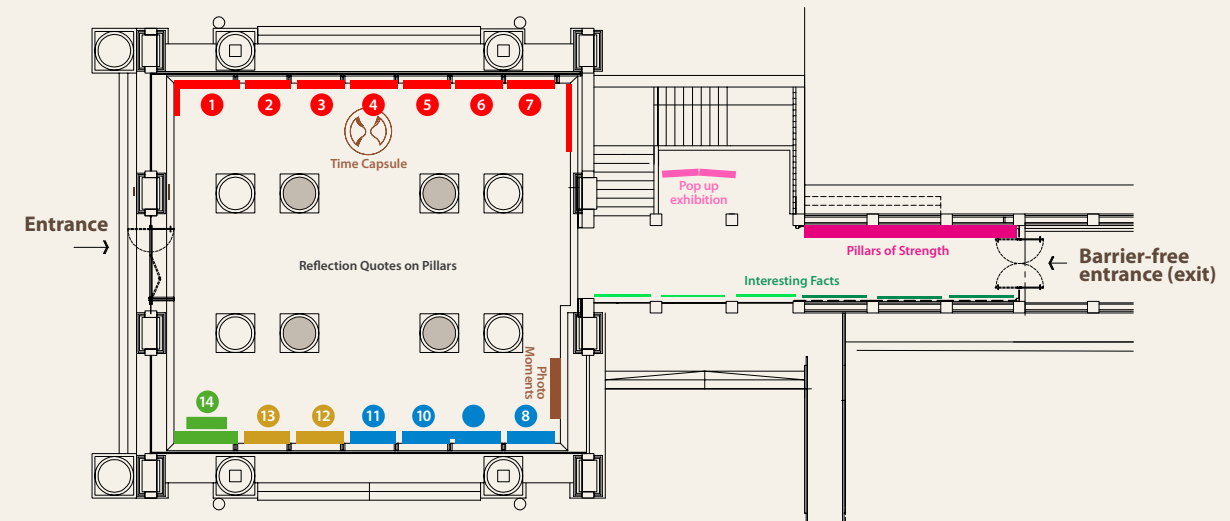
Queen Sri Bajarindra of Siam (today’s Thailand) visited Singapore General Hospital on 25 May 1896. She and King Rama V gave a sum towards a project, named “The Queen of Siam Library”.

## Birthplace of Radiology

1930 X-ray Machine donated by Dr. Yvonne Marjorie Salmon



## Floor Plan - level one



- 1 The Beginning of a General Hospital
- 2 Early Medical Specialisation
- 3 Hospital Under Siege
- 4 Beacon of Hope – Riots; Casualties; Tragedies
- 5 Medical Services; Allied Health
- 6 Growth & Modernisation
- 7 A New Era and Future SGH
- 8 Medical Artefacts
- 9 Tools of the Trade – used in medical history at SGH
- 10 Surgical Instruments used in ground-breaking procedures
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# Getting there

The SGH Museum is within walking distance from the MRT stations and bus routes.

## SGH Campus



## Legend

- MRT Stations
- Bus Stop
- Taxi Stand
- Campus Shuttle Service (Orange Route)
- Campus Shuttle Service (Blue Route)
- Wheelchair Shuttle Service
- Shuttle Bus to Car Park (MSCP H)
- Car Park

## Direction to the SGH Museum:

**By Public Transport:** Route to reach the SGH Museum

**By Private Coach:** Designated drop-off and pick-up points for private coach

## MRT

**Outram Station (EW16 / TEL17 - Exit 7)**

## Car Parking

**SGH Museum:** Car Park C

**National Heart Centre Singapore:**

Basement Car Park

**SingHealth Tower/Outram Community Hospital:**

Basement Car Park

**Car Park H - Multi-storey car park (MSCP)**

## Bus

**Outram Road bus stop (B06011), Exit 7:**

33, 63, 63A, 75, 121, 122, 174, 174e, 851, 970

**Campus Shuttle service**

(**Orange Route** - alight at SNEC/DMC)

**Eu Tong Sen Street bus stop (B10018), Exit 6:**

61, 124, 143, 147, 166, 197, 961,

**Campus Shuttle service**

(**Orange Route** - alight at SNEC/DMC)

*\* information correct as at July 2025*

## Admission:

The SGH Museum is free to all visitors.

## Opening hours

**Mon - Fri**

**8am - 7pm**

**Sat**

**8am - 1pm**

**Sun & Public Holiday**

**Closed**

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