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MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND

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WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM MASS BIOGRAPHIES ?

JONATHAN BARRY • Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich - University of Exeter

PETER ELMER • University of Exeter

This talk will describe the ongoing project *Early Modern Practitioners*, which develops the work undertaken by Peter Elmer and Jonathan Barry for a Wellcome Trust award on The Medical World of Early Modern England, Wales and Ireland c.1500-1715. We will discuss the issues surrounding the identification of medical practitioners and

the reasons for deciding to present this material in the form of biographical registers of practitioner careers, organised by county, rather than by other forms of database. We will then consider how these registers might be used to analyse changes in medical practice (such as the numbers and proportions of different

types of practitioner in different places), and to establish networks of medical practitioners and how these related not only to differing forms of medical theory/practice, but also to wider political, religious and intellectual movements in which medical practitioners often played an important role.