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**Portrait of Dr. John Wigan
c.1732; Circle of Jonathan
Richardson.**

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Description

Oil on canvas in a 19th century ornate frame. Dr. JOHN WIGAN (31 January 1696 – 5 December 1739) was a prominent British physician, poet and author of the early eighteenth century whose writings and translations were popular and widely referred to during the period. He served as principal of New Inn Hall at Oxford University between 1726 and 1732 and was physician of Westminster Hospital between 1733 and 1738. In 1738 he travelled to Jamaica with Edward Trelawny and died there a year later in December 1739. John Wigan was born in 1696, the son of William Wigan, rector of Kensington. At 14, Wigan was admitted to Westminster School and from there moved to Christ Church, Oxford where he obtained his BA, MA And MD. In 1726, during his final year of studies he was made principal of New Inn Hall and was already a celebrated writer on medical topics and poet. His 1723 translation of the works of Aretaeus of Cappadocia was widely remarked on and was used as the basis of Herman Boerhaave's work on the same topic. His poetry was well received and was published in the "Carmina quadragesimalia" and elsewhere. In 1731, Wigan was admitted to the Royal College of Surgeons and move...

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