

Medieval Women Physicians

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Overview:

- Humoral Theory - Foundation of Ancient and Medieval Scientific thought
- Women in ancient medical history
- Persistence of Greek system in Byzantine, Persian, and Arabic regions
- Opportunities in the “Dark Ages” of Europe
- Women of Salerno including Trota
- Outside Salerno: Abbeys and Regional differences
- Decline: Impact of Plague, the Reformation, and rise of Universities

Women discussed:

Hatshepsut, Theano, Agnodice, Metrodora, Cleopatra of Rome, Aspasia, Maria of Alexandria, Cleopatra of Alexandria, Hypatia, Tawaddud, Anna Comnena, Trota of Salerno, Rebecca Guarna, Abella, Mercuriade, Maria Incarnata of Naples, Constance Calenda, Hildegard von Bingen, Heloise, Herrad of Landsberg, and Jacobina Félicie de Almanian.

Recommended Resources:

- Popular audience:
 - Hypatia’s Heritage by Margaret Alic
 - Women Healers by Elisabeth Brooke
- Translations:
 - Hildegard von Bingen’s Physica translated by Priscilla Throop
 - The Trotula translated by Monica Green
- Academic sources:
 - The Women of Salerno: Contribution to the Origins of Surgery From Medieval Italy by Zoë Alaina Ferraris and Victor A. Ferraris
[https://doi.org/10.1016/S0003-4975\(97\)01079-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0003-4975(97)01079-5)
 - Making Women’s Medicine Masculine: The Rise of Male Authority in Pre-Modern Gynaecology by Monica Green
 - Women, Science, and Myth: Gender Beliefs from Antiquity to the Present by Sue V. Rosser

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