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• Nineteenth century changes
  • Diagnosis
  • Nursing
  • Specialization
  • Surgery
• Twentieth Century:
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• Critique of contemporary medicine/hospitals
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  • Ancient Greece
  • Christianity and medieval Europe:
    • Early modern to 1800

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• Nineteenth century changes: Diagnosis
  • Laennec
  • Microscope and laboratories
  • X-ray
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• Nineteenth century changes: Surgery
  • Anesthesia
  • Antisepsis

Hospitals: Changes from 1800-1900

Hospital Specialties followed specialization of medical practice
- Surgery
- Dentistry (18c France)
- Pediatrics (1802 children’s hospital in Paris)
- Obstetrics (competition with midwives)
- Ear (1816 hospital)
- Ophthalmology (1812 1st clinic in Vienna)
- Orthopedics (followed WWI)
- Venereal disease
- Cancer

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London (1852)
Hospitals: Changes from 1800-1900

Number:
1800: 2 in America, 4,000 beds in UK
1873 (US): 173 including mental (50,000 beds)
1901 (England & Wales) 28,000 beds
1909 (US): 4,359 hospitals (421,065 beds)

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