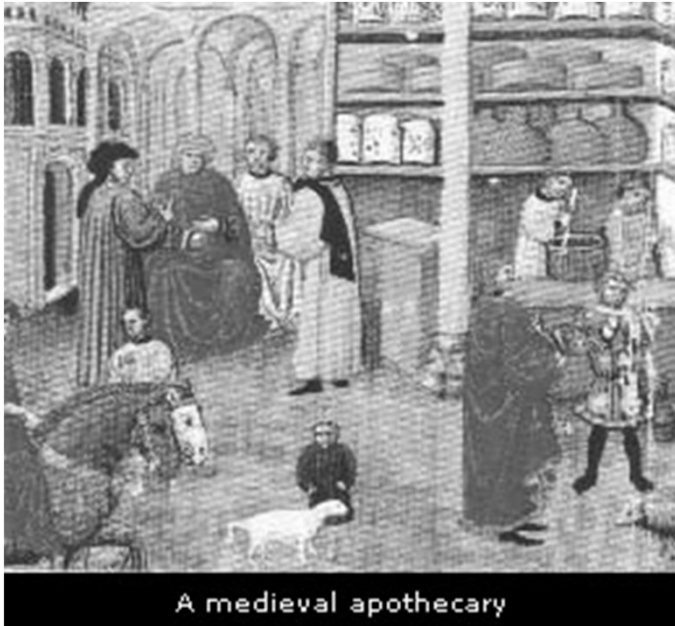


# Medieval Medicine & Apothecary Sciences



**Barber Surgeons, Herbal and Medieval Medicine 500 AD – 1600 AD**  
**Murigheal O'Seannaig, Barony of Shattered Crystal**

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In Service –

**Lady Lasairfhíona inghean Tuathail**  
**Apothecarist, Herbalist, Nurse**

## Who treated the ill?

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- Doctors - if you were rich!
- Apothecaries - People who made up treatments (sold herbs and drugs)
- Monks who knew the work of Ancient Medical Texts.
- Local wise men and women



# Black Death



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The cure of the  
PLAGUE,

Containing a few short and necessary  
instructions how to preserve the body from  
infection of the PLAGUE, as also to  
cure those that are Infected,

*Together with a little treatise concer-  
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By THOMAS SHERWOOD Practitioner in  
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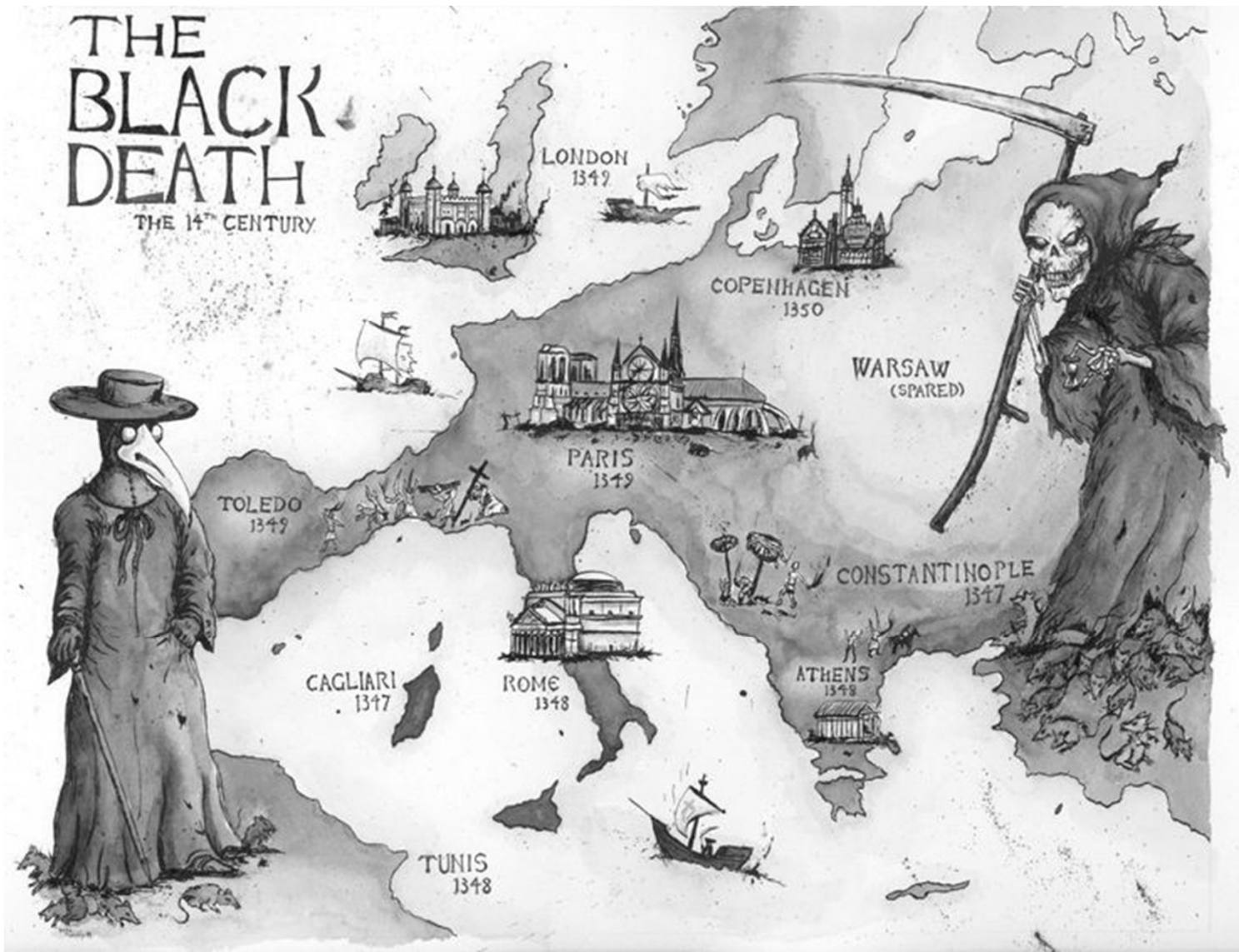
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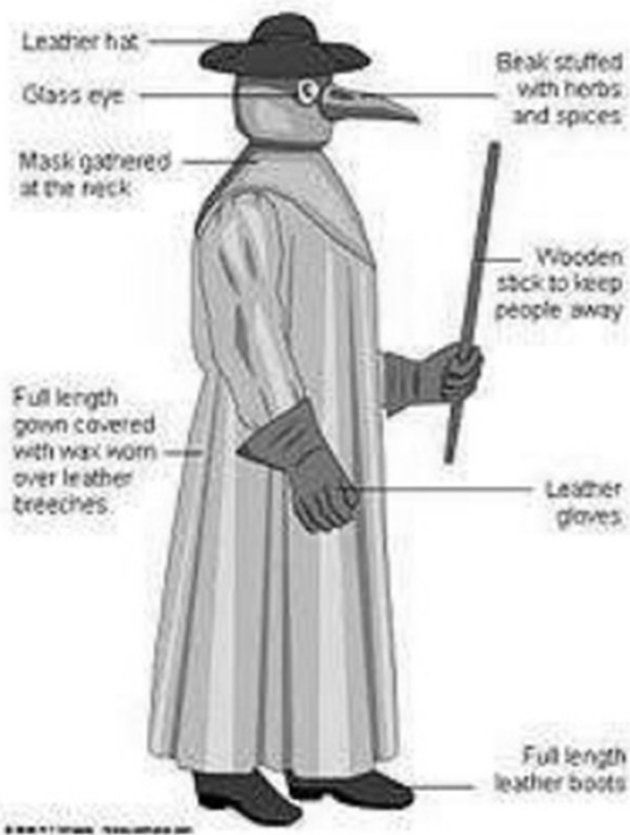
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Windmill. 1641.

# THE BLACK DEATH

THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



## The Plague Doctor



Source D – Plague doctor wore costumes like this when he visited victims.

## Recipe for the Plague

*Wrap in woollen cloths, compel the sick party to sweat which if he does, keep him there until the sores begin to rise. Then apply a live pigeon cut in half or a plaster made of the yolk of an egg, honey, herbs and whet flower.*

Source E – People spent a fortune on crazy cures like this one. Today, it is easy to laugh but imagine how scared people must have been. They were willing to try anything...



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 und aurum die geholte seel.

I. Columbina. ad vivum delineavit. Paulus Fürst. Excudit.

**Kleidung wider den Tod zu Rom. Anno 1656.**  
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# Medieval Tudor Physician

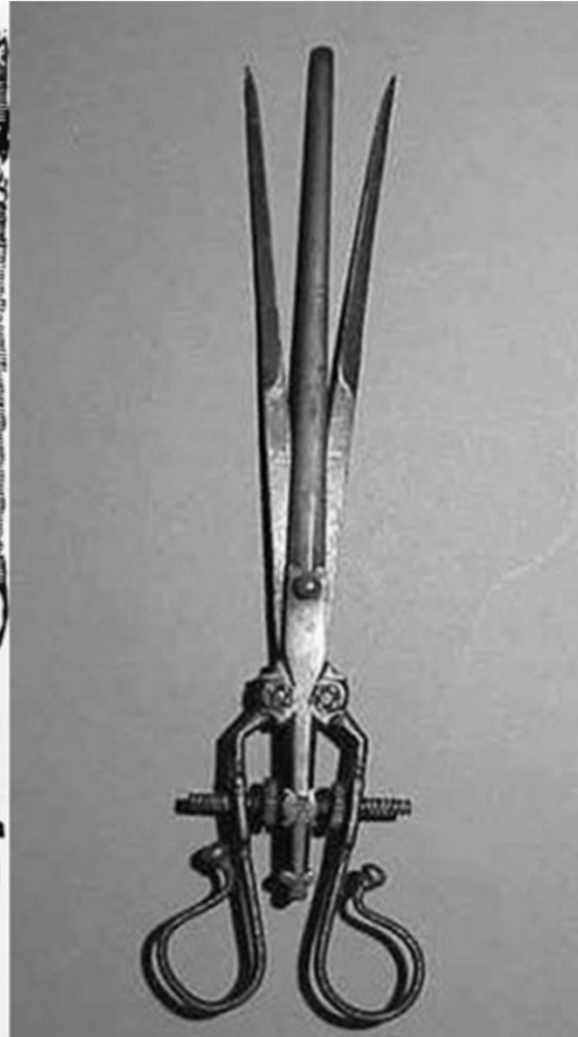
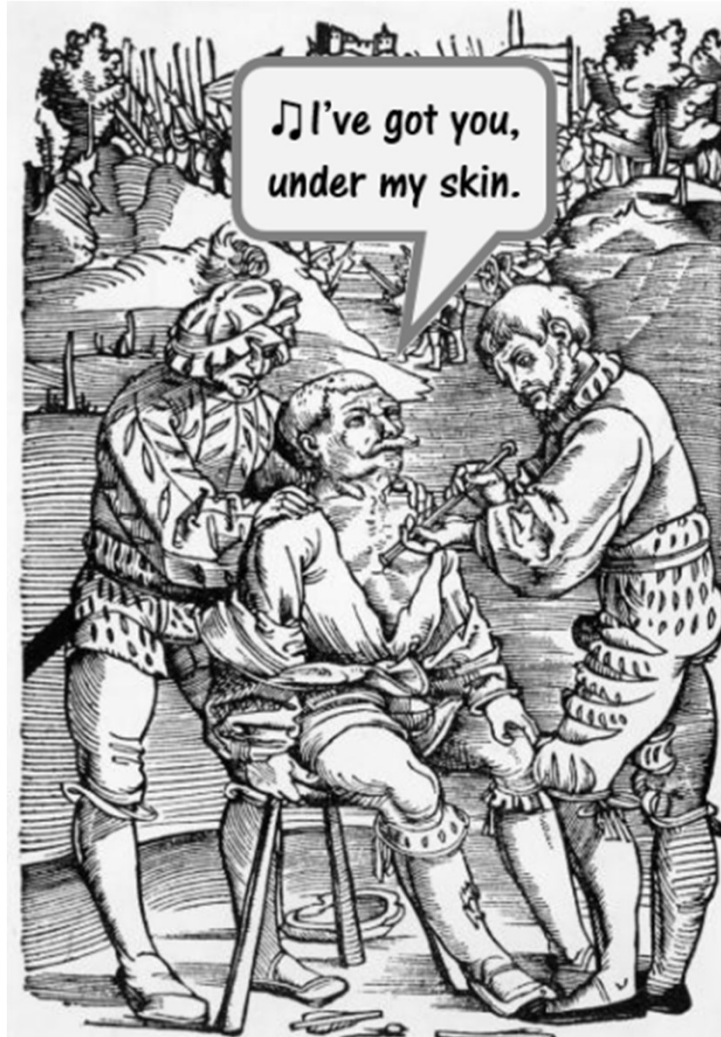
The medieval physician will discuss the diagnoses and treatment of illness during the medieval period; the Four Humours; the dreaded Black Death and Leprosy and the role of religion in health and sickness.

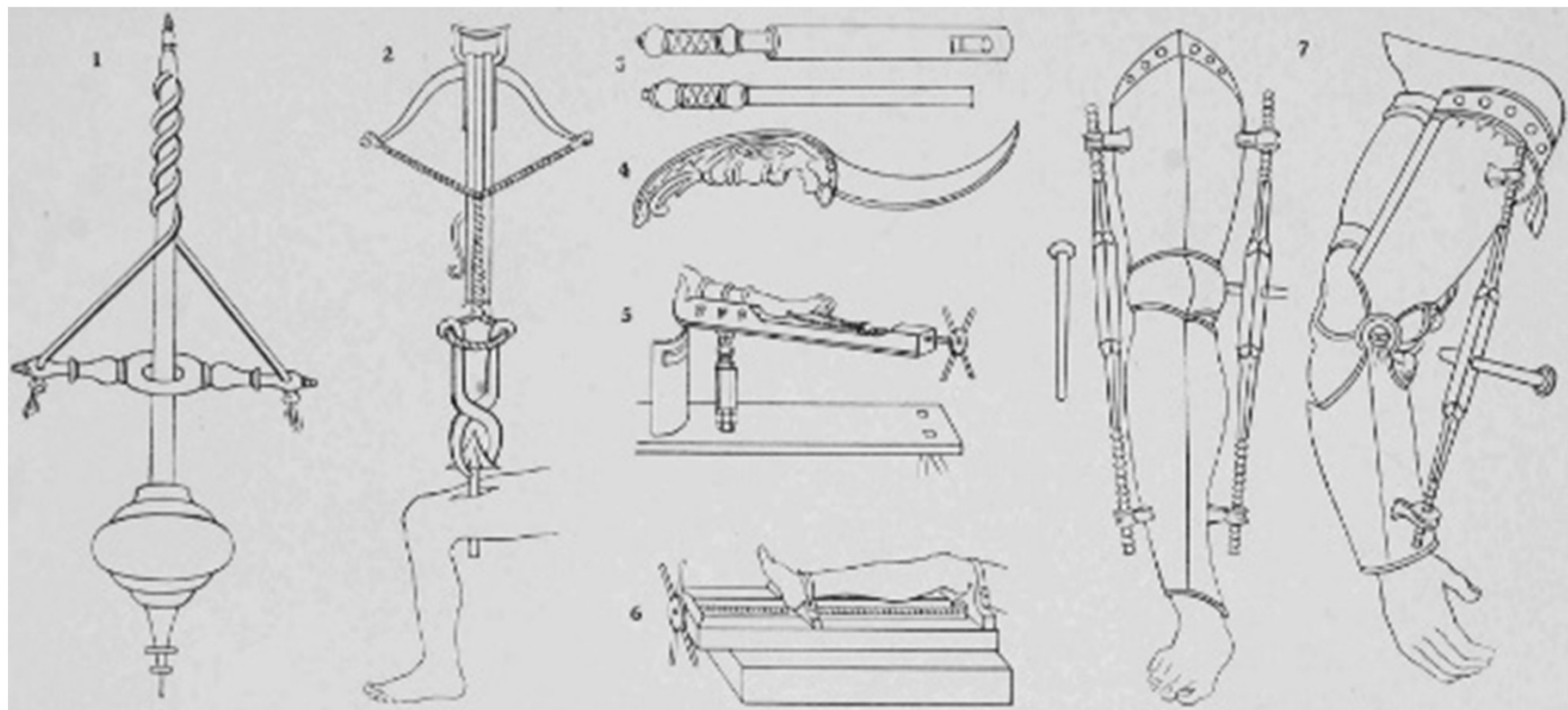
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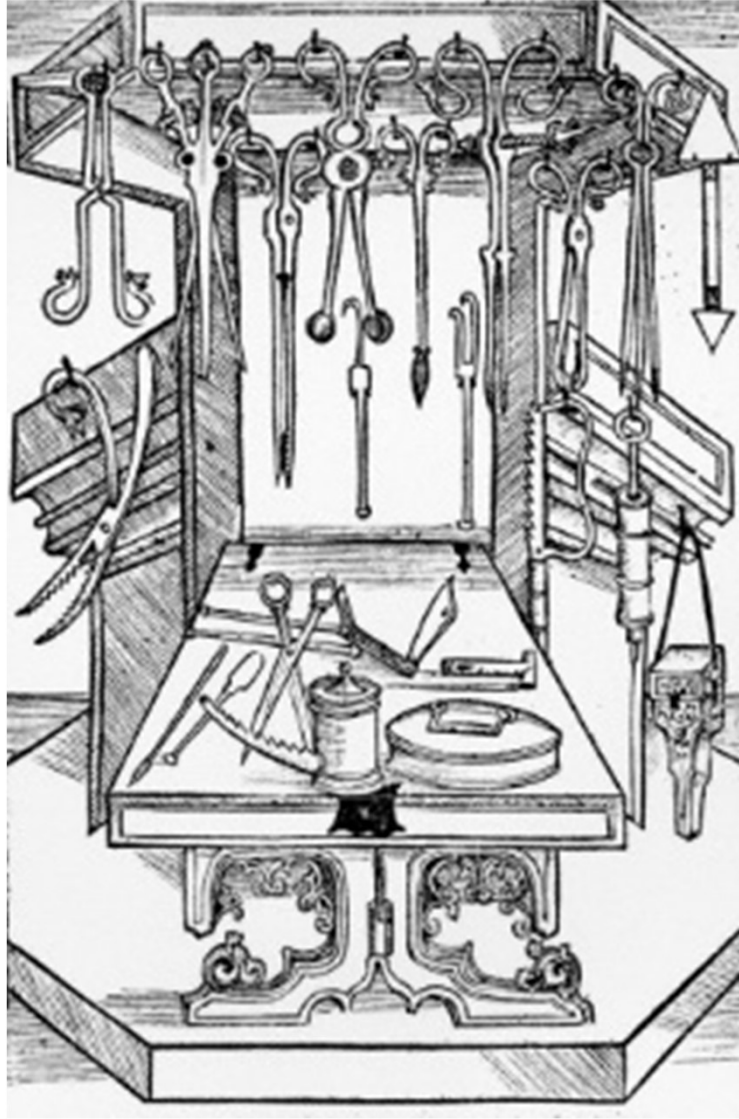
- Reproduction Medieval Medical Charts
  - Facsimile Medical Books
  - A Volvele (an early computer)
    - Urine Flasks
- Instruments for cauterizing and bloodletting
  - Live leeches
- Display of Tudor medicinal herbs and minerals
  - Relics to help cure illnesses

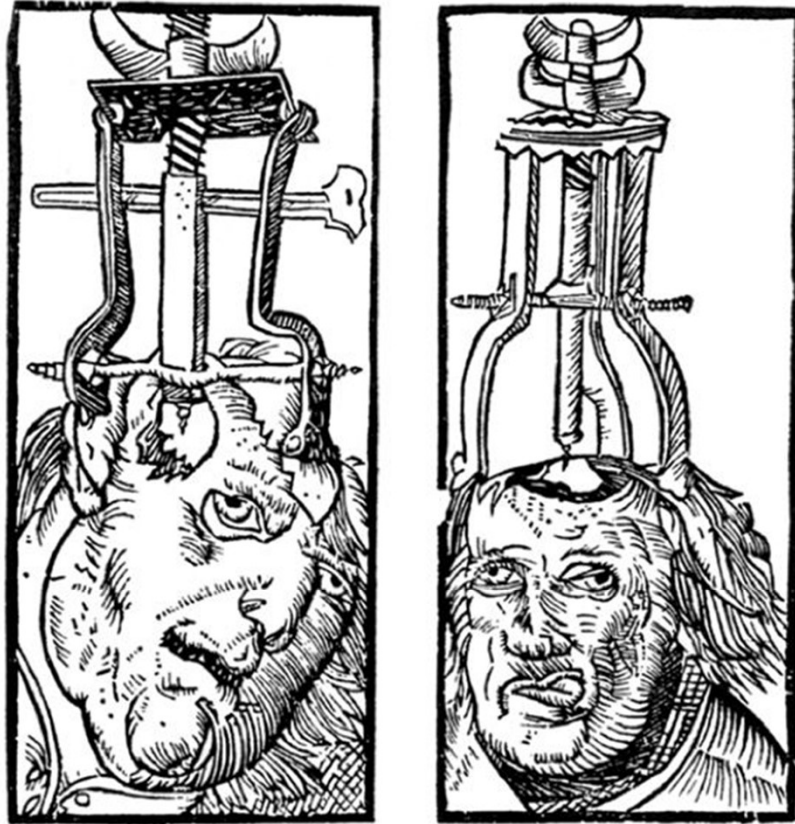


# Medieval Surgical Instruments





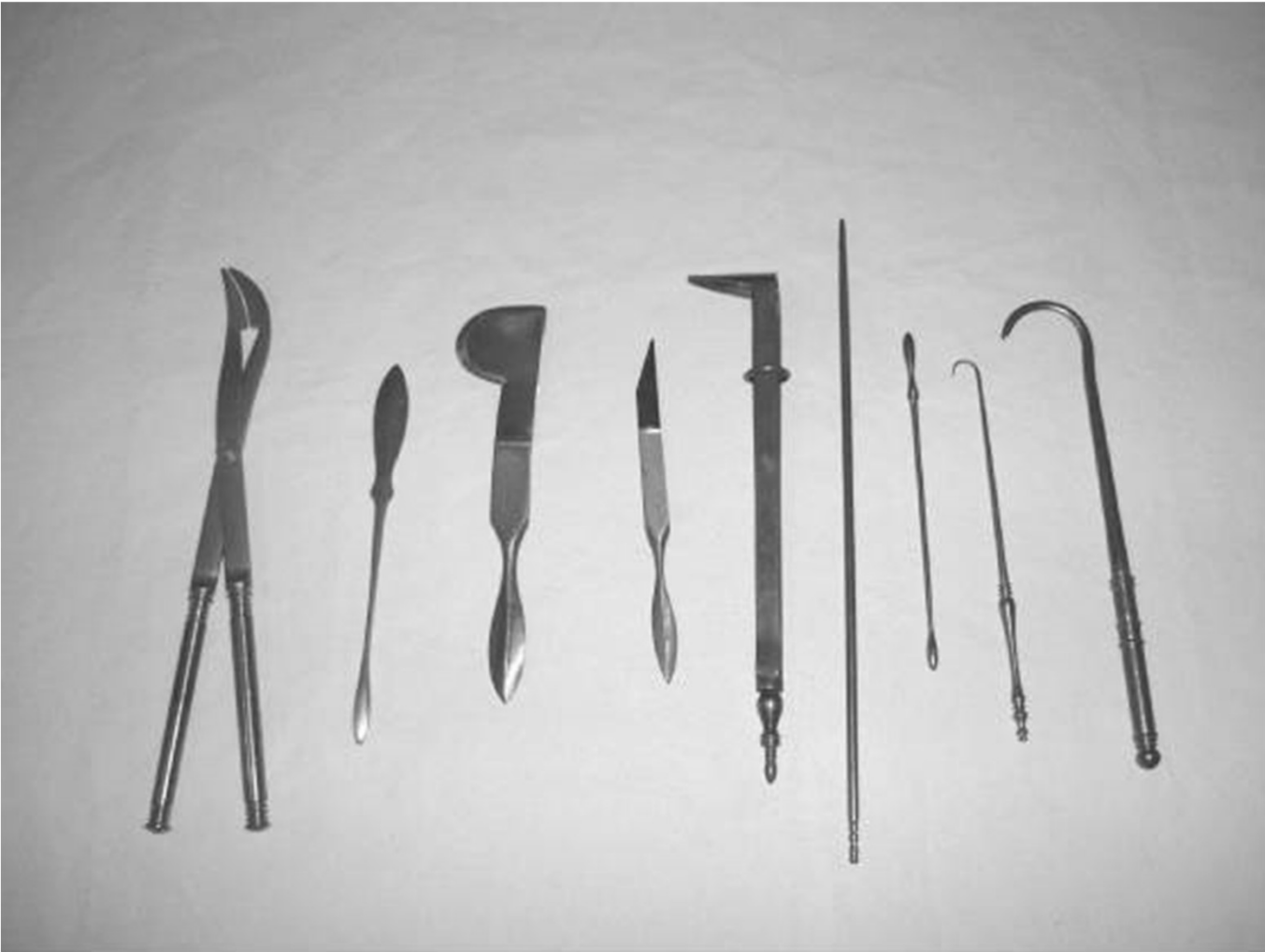




# LOBOTOMY

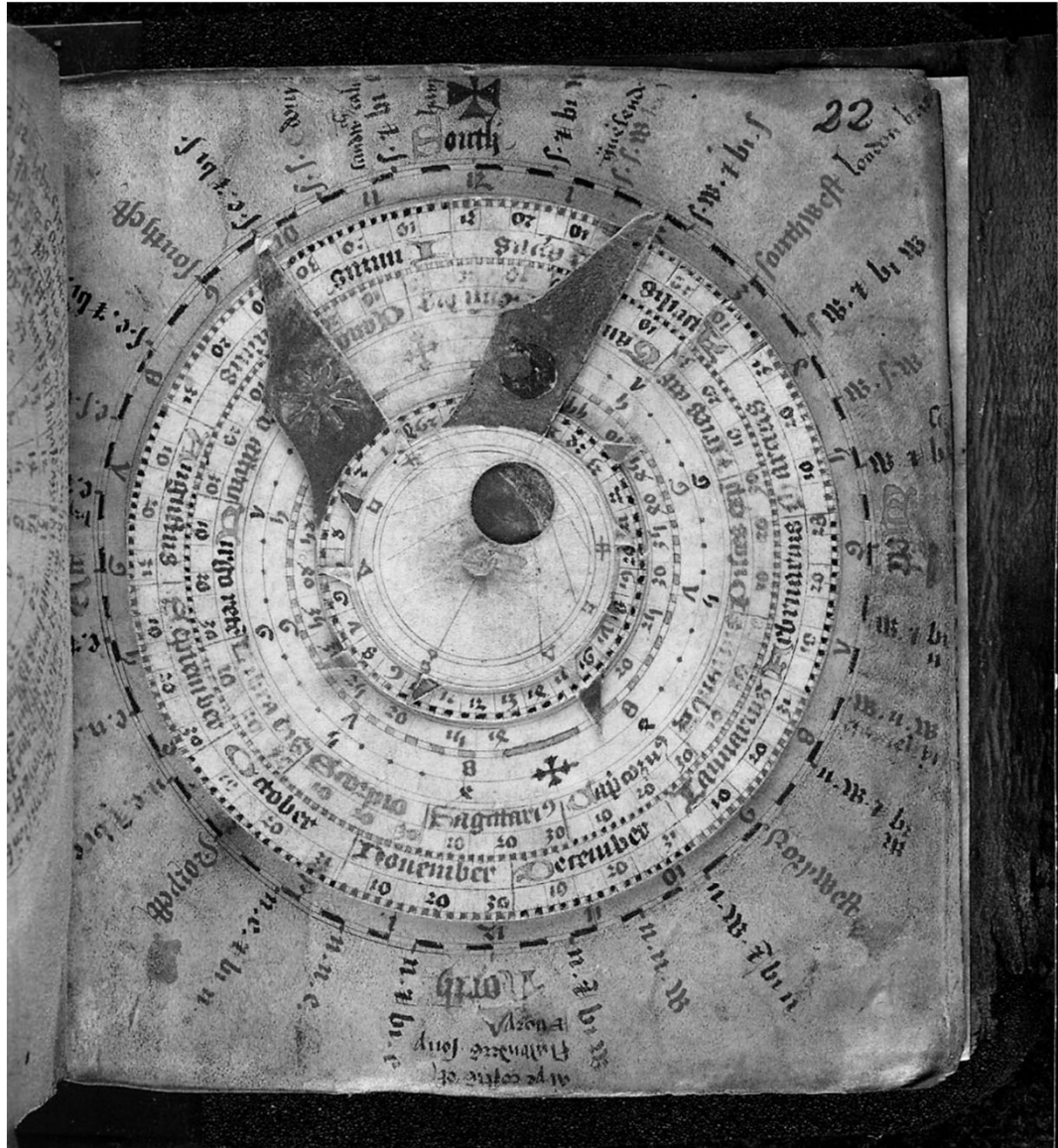
Eclipsing the lobotomy in terms of age and pain, trepanning involved a physician cutting a hole into the skull of an individual suffering from what some believed to be mental illness, seizures or skull fractures. The hole was typically cut into the dura mater and, surprisingly, the survival rate was very high and chance of infection remained low.

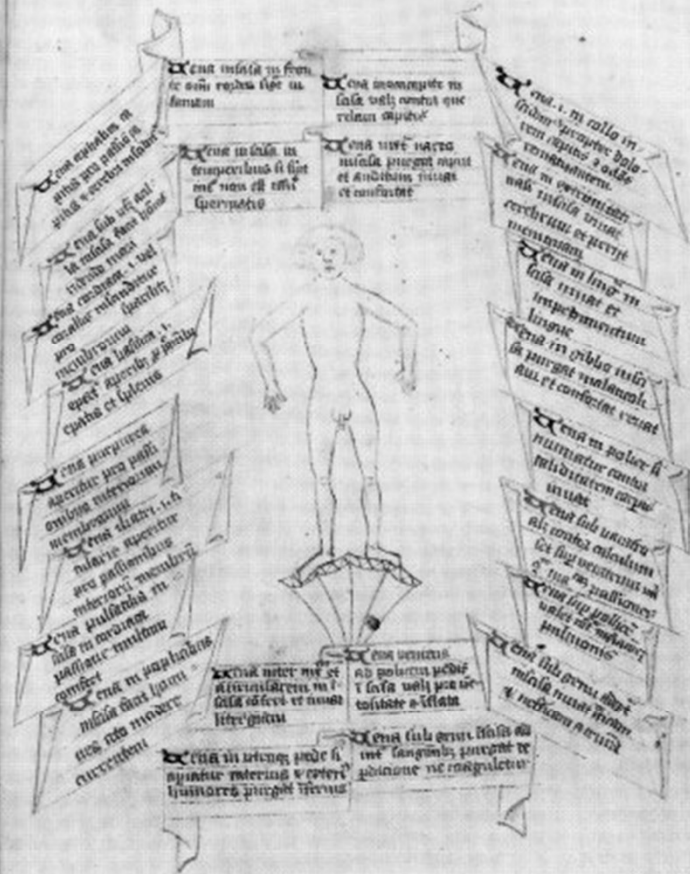
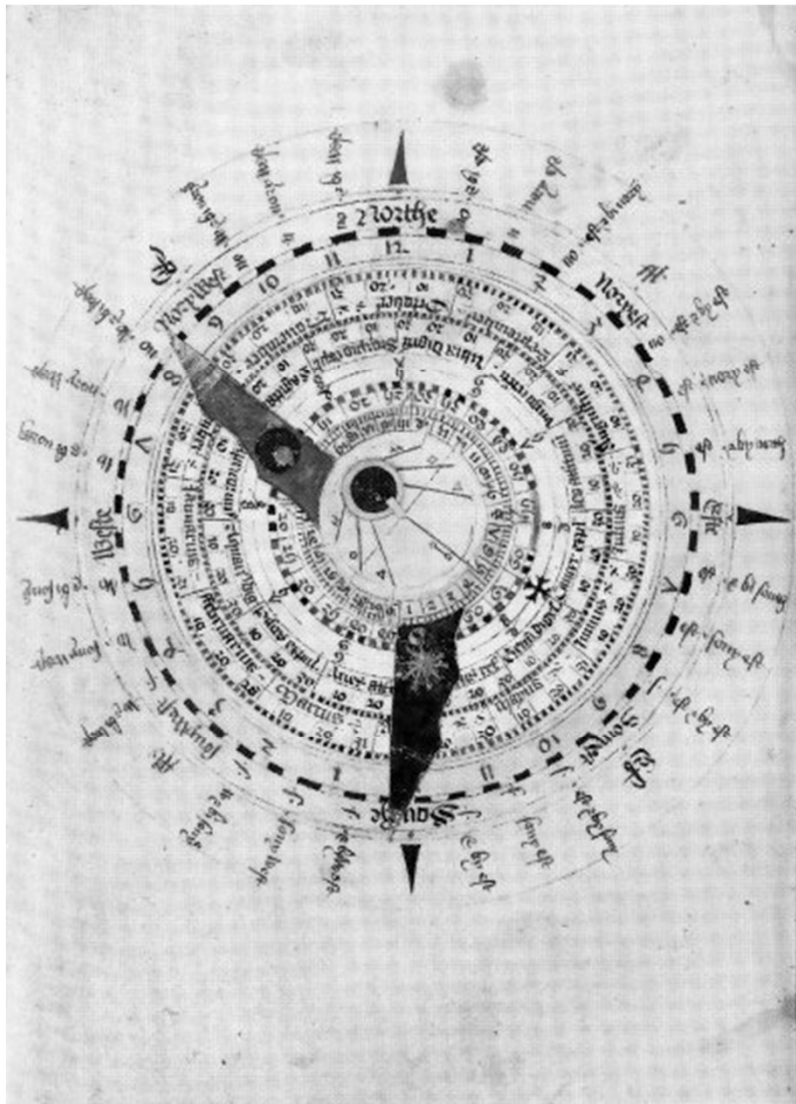




# Medieval Volvelle







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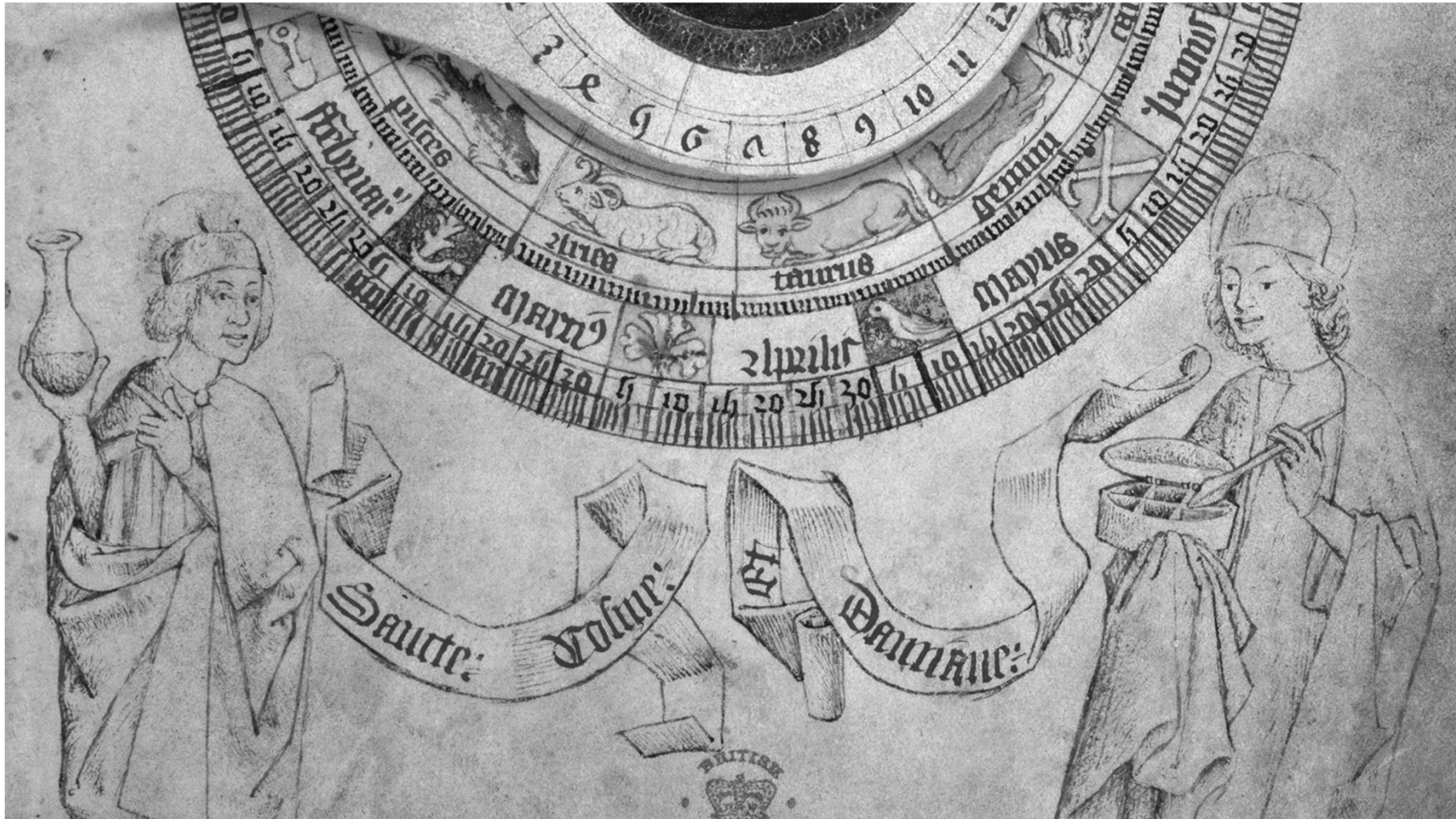
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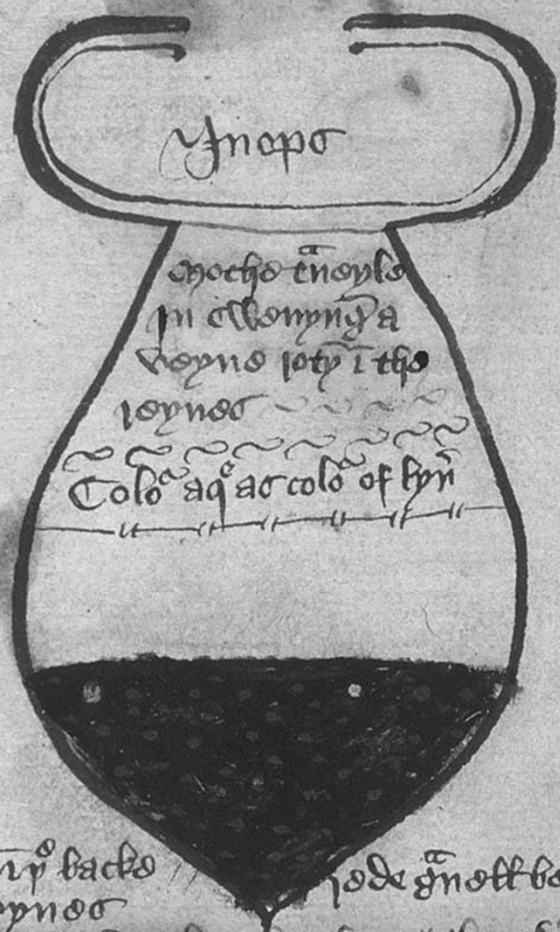
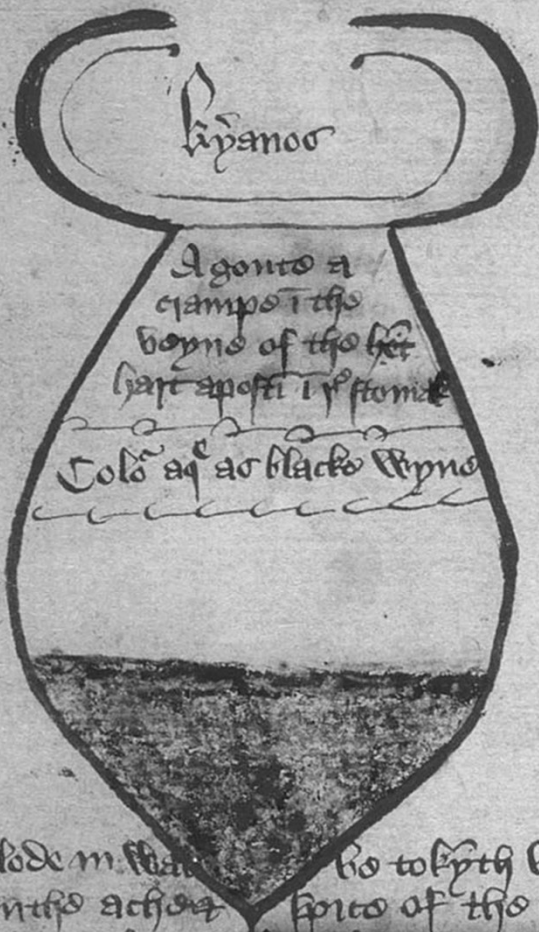
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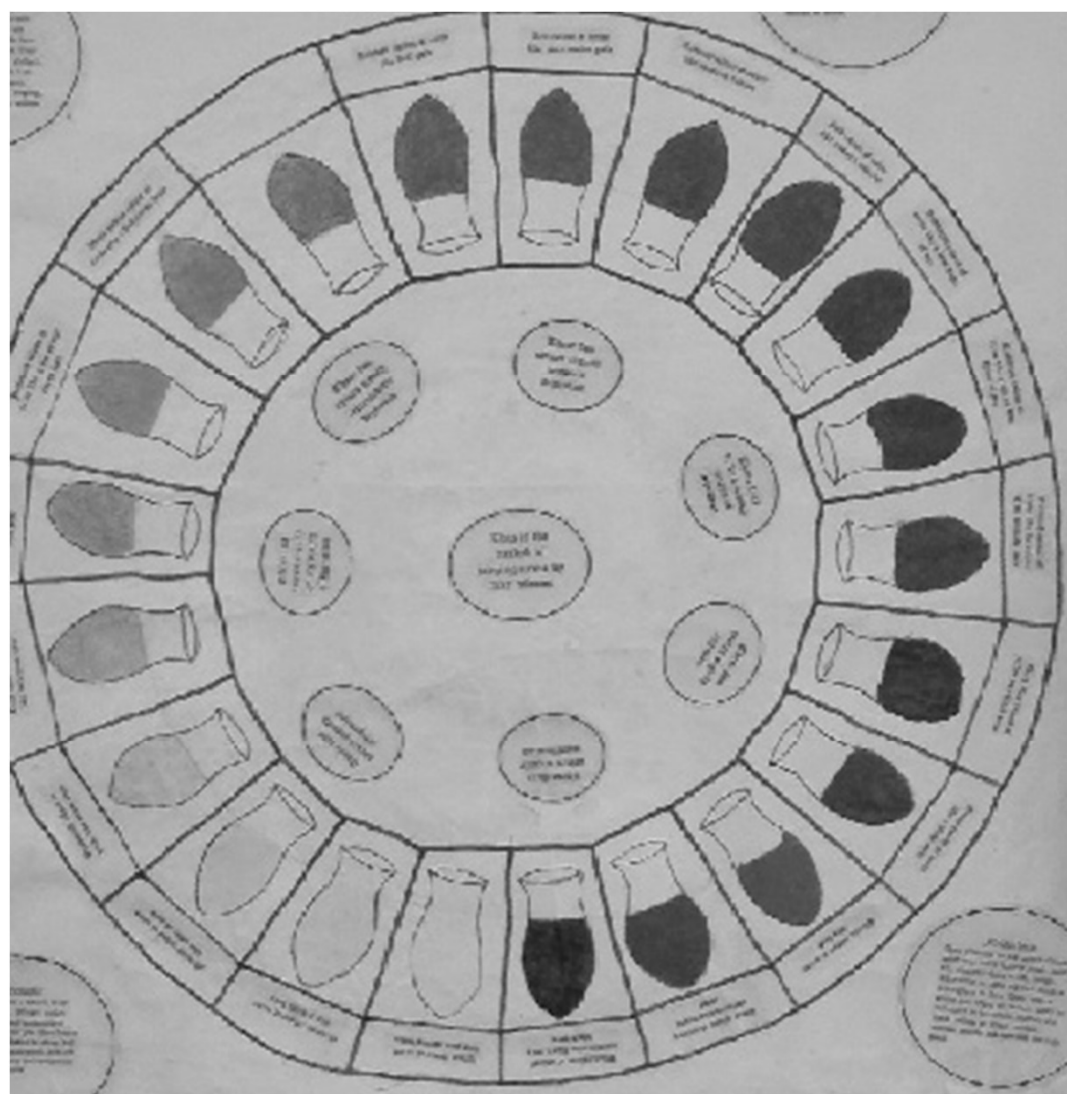


# Urine Wheel

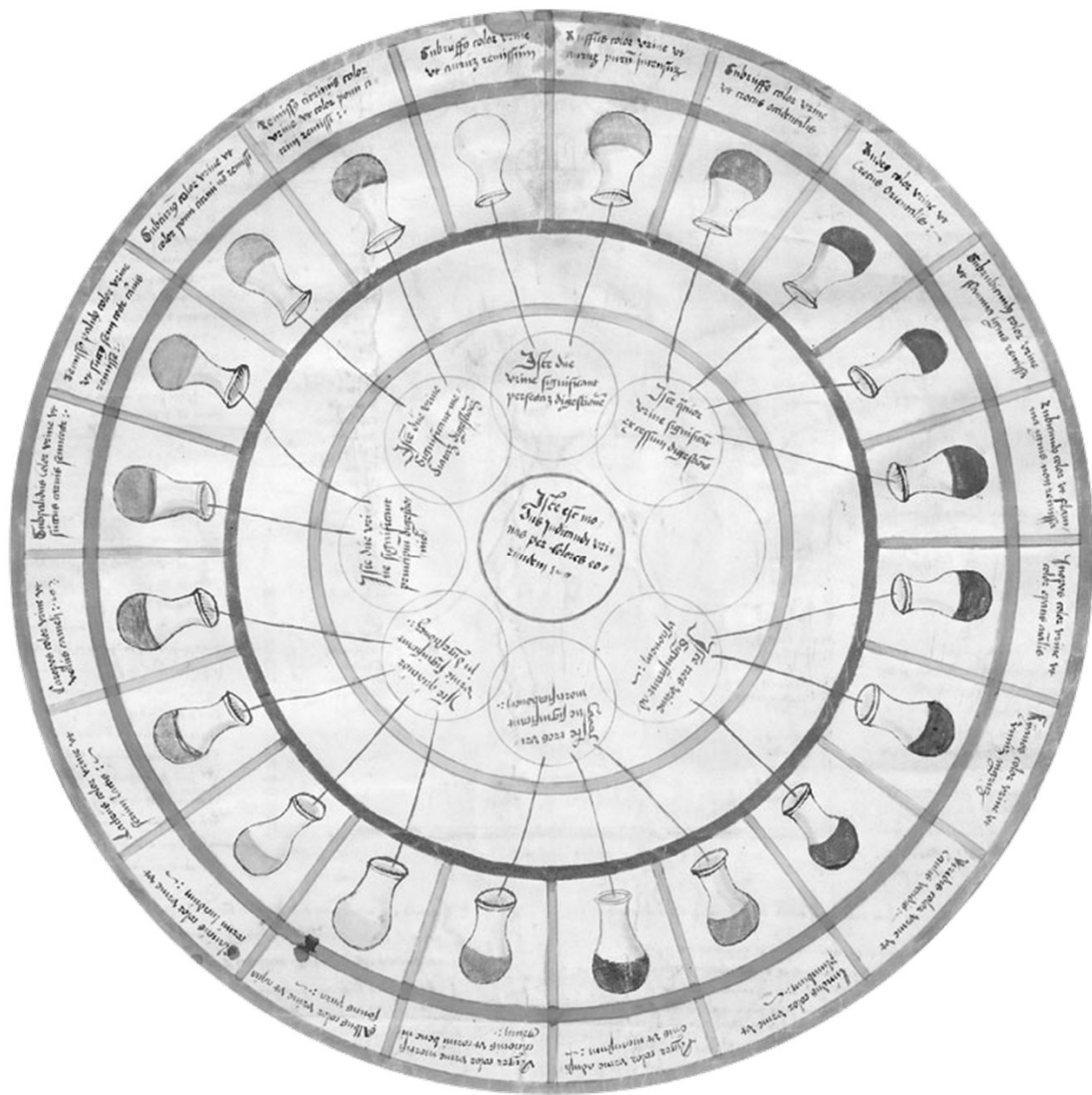


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# Medieval Leeching





# Medieval Bloodletting

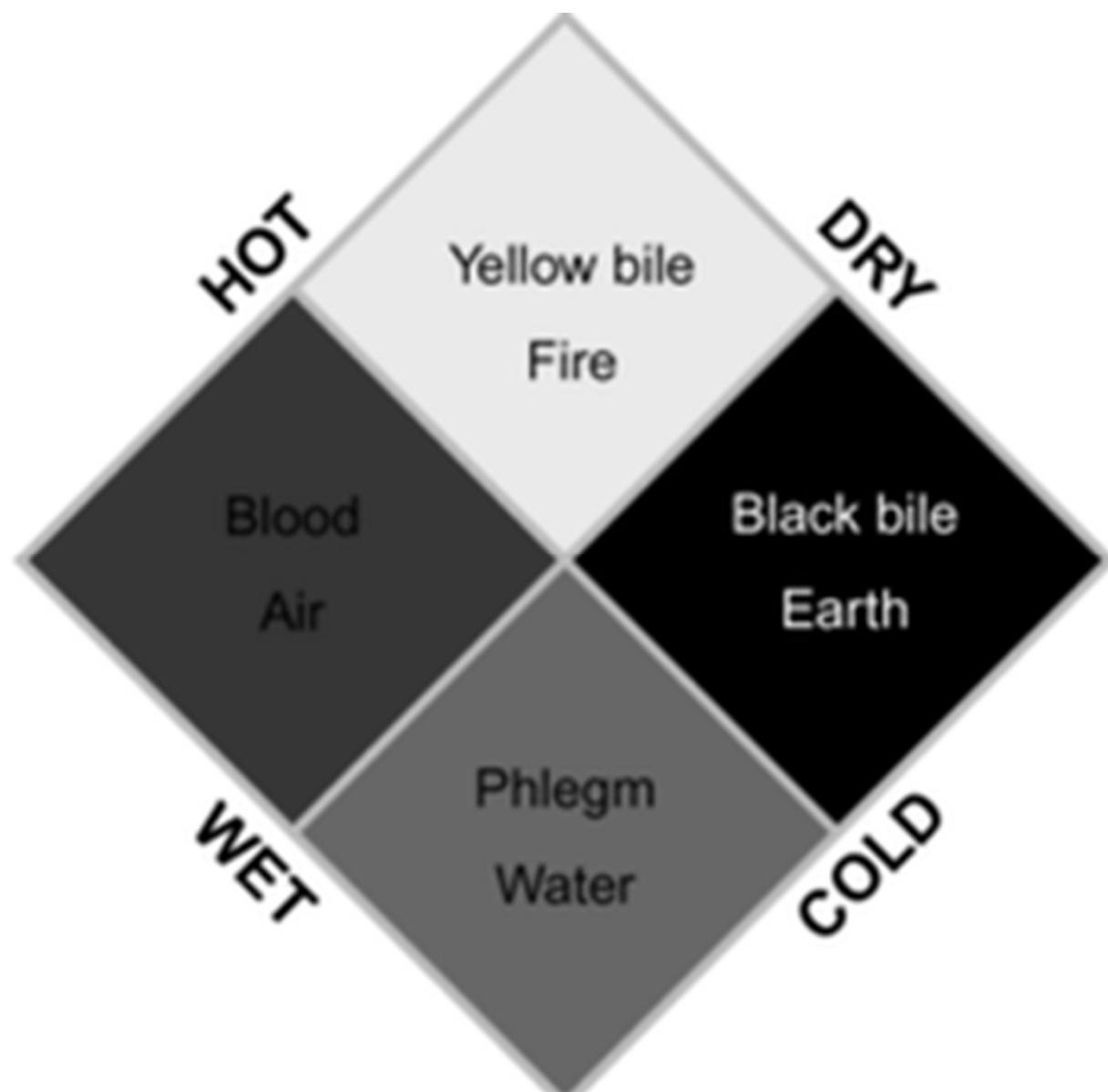




Even though bloodletting is permanently linked to the barber surgeons of the medieval ages, the origins of this old practice can be traced back to ancient Greece. The technique became very popular during the lifetime of Hippocrates who promoted the “humorism” or the theory of the four humors and their direct influence of a person’s health. To summarize, whenever a person experienced an excess or deficit of either blood, phlegm, yellow bile or black bile, his personality and overall health was severely affected. Obviously, the only treatment that could bring back the body’s balance was to drain the blood out of the patient.



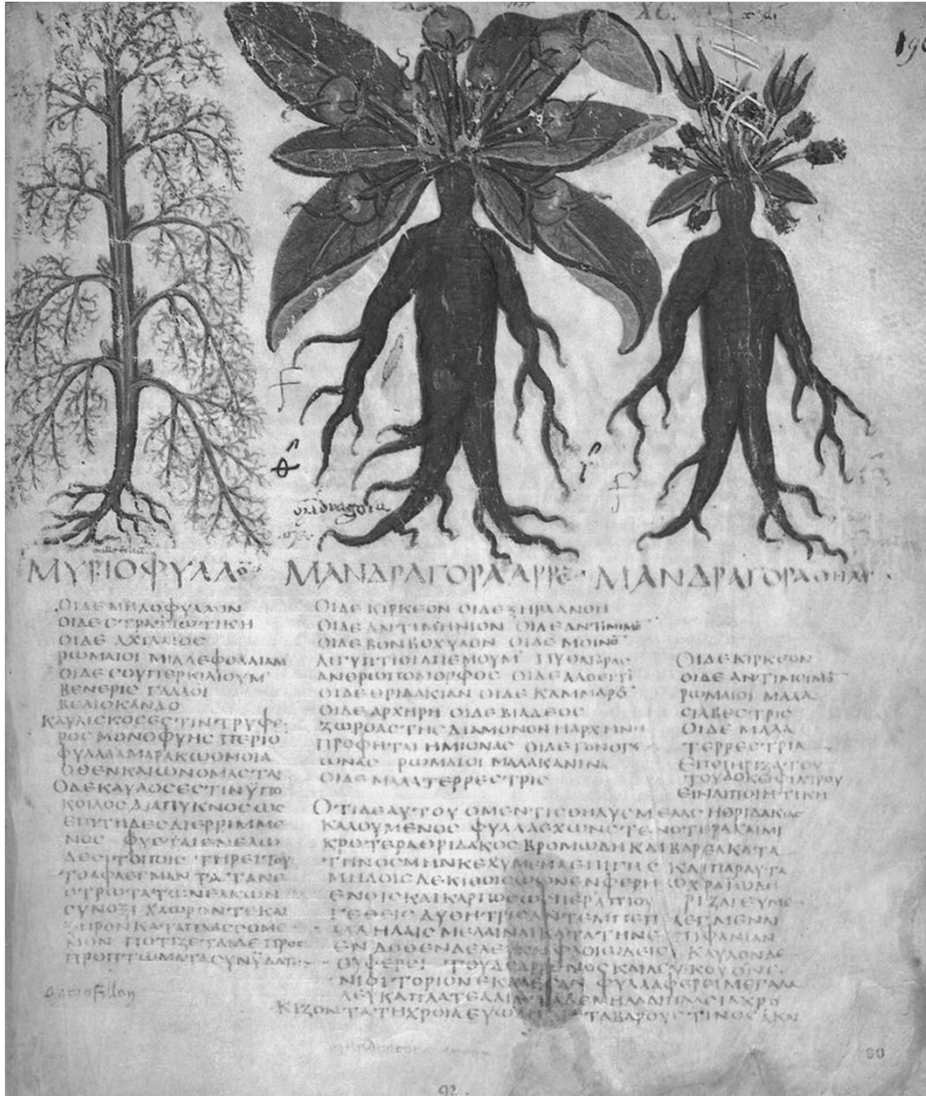
# 4 Humours





# Medieval Herbal Medicine





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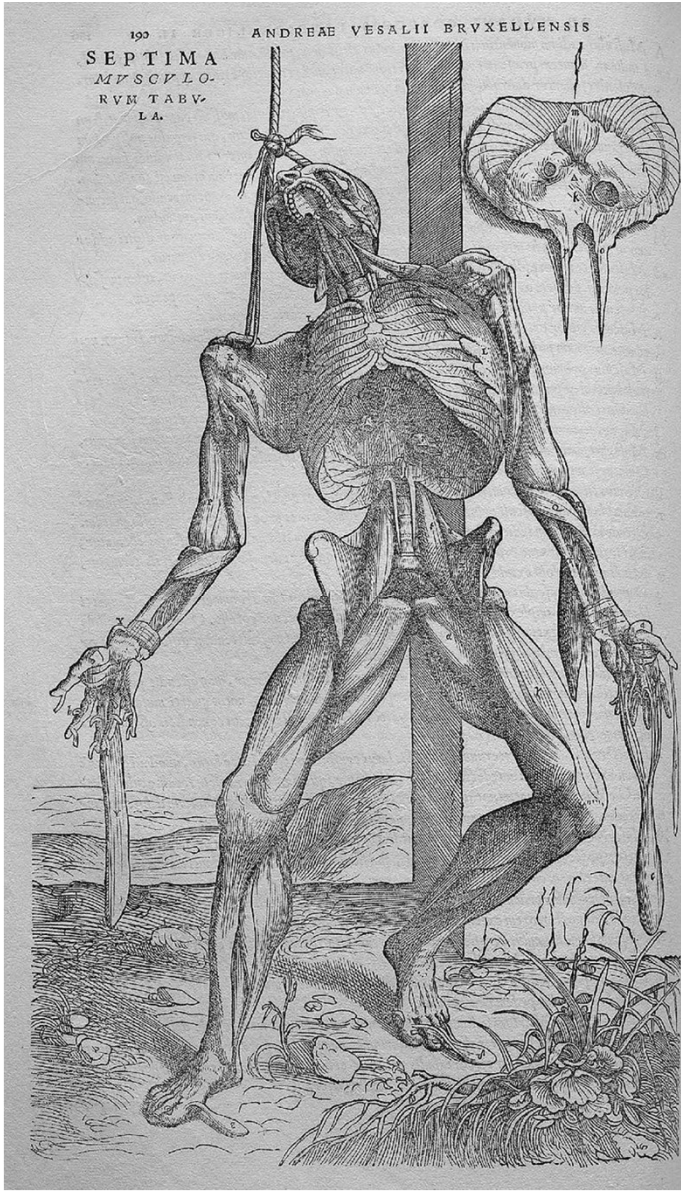
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# Medieval Medicine





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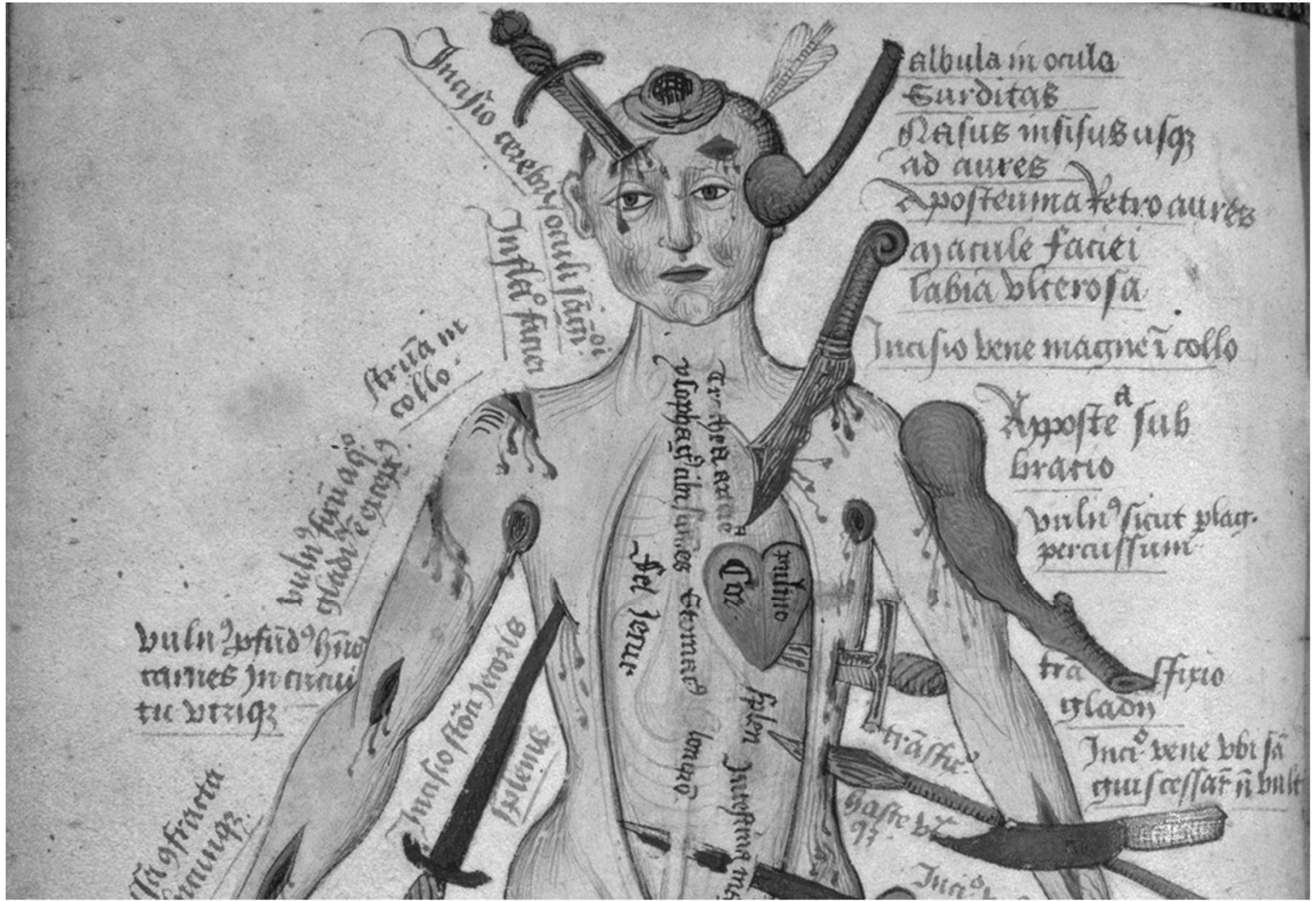


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# Barber Surgeons

The Medieval Ages were undeniably strange times, particularly if you think that while physicians used to come up with a diagnosis by analyzing urine or studying the stars, barbers were the only “professionals” who were doing the “field work” and experimented on their customers up and personal.













# Use of Anaesthetics

By the late middle ages lots of doctors used anaesthetics to reduce the pain of their patients. At this time doctors were still experimenting with anaesthetics. There was needed more knowledge about mixtures and doses of herbs and ingredients.



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