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  • History of medicine contributing to understanding of past and present health and society
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• Community building
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• Facilitates discourse around medical practice, human health
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Scope: 20th Century

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From the British Medical Association, American Medical Association, and Henry S. Wellcome joint publication, *Anglo-Saxon Leechcraft* (1912).

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From *Public Health Nursing* (v. 13, 1909).

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Scope: Balneology and Hydrotherapy

From *The Water-cure journal, and herald of reforms, devoted to physiology, hydraphathy and the laws of life* (v.16, 1853).

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Scope: Balneology and Hydrotherapy

From The water-cure manual: a popular work, embracing descriptions of the various modes of bathing, the hygienic and curative effects of air, exercise, clothing, occupation, diet, water-drinking, &c. : together with descriptions of diseases and the hydropathic means to be employed therein, illustrated with cases of treatment and cure : containing also a fine engraving of Priessnitz (1855).

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From Joel Shew’s *Hydropathy, or, The water-cure: its principles, modes of treatment, &c., illustrated with many cases: compiled chiefly from the most eminent English authors on the subject* (1844).

U.S. National Library of Medicine
Scope: Alchemy

From Giovanni Battista Nazari’s *Della tramutazione metallica sogni tre* (1599).

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From Pedro Hernández’
Orígen y descumbrimiento
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Yale Cushing/Whitney
Medical Library
Scope: Popular Medicine

From James W. Roosevelt’s *In sickness and in health; a manual of domestic medicine and surgery, hygiene, dietetics, and nursing* (1896).

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From Alexander Burnett’s *The Medical adviser and complete guide to health and long life: containing the most plain and easy directions for the treatment of every disorder incidental to the human frame in all its ages* (1825).

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From Henry R. Kenwood’s *Public Health Laboratory Work* (1914).

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Future Plans

• Continuing the recruiting of additional content contributors
• CLIR processing project: building a dialog with researchers and professionals to develop practices for providing access to private health records
• Further development of the search tool
• New partnerships to promote digitization, preservation, and access to benefit users
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