## Chapter 32

Patterns of Change in Medicine

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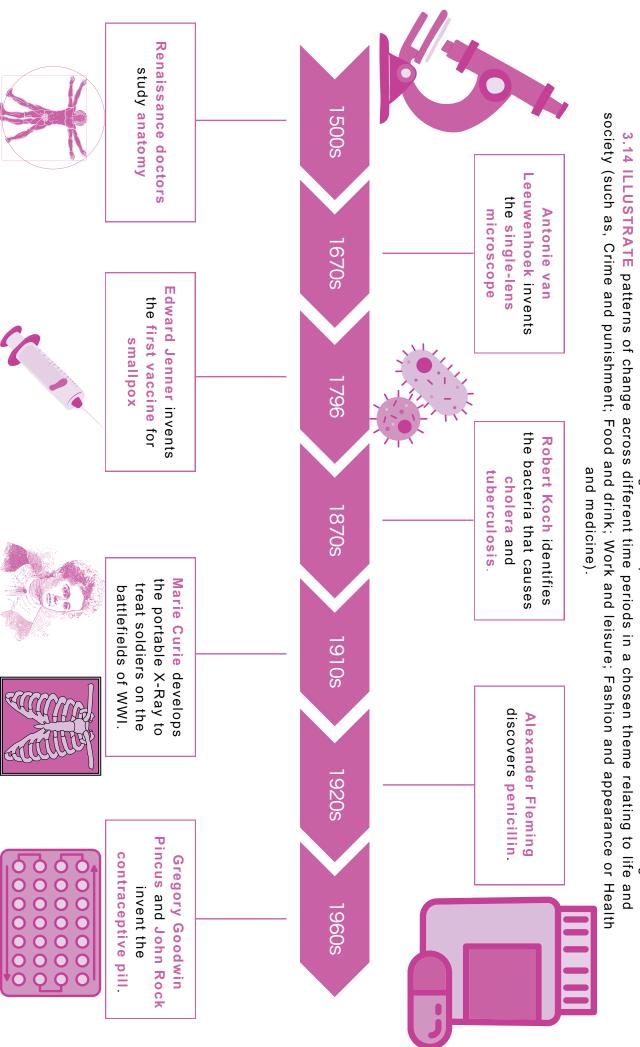
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INTRODUCTION	• The study of the body and of how to keep people healthy and treat them when they are sick or injured has been a constant concern for humanity. At various points in our history, we have made great strides forward in understanding sickness and disease, finding ways to treat them and making health care more widely available.
HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME	<ul> <li>Throughout history, humans have often attributed unexplained phenomena to divine beings.</li> <li>This tendency was common across most cultures until the modern era.</li> <li>In Ancient Greece, illness was viewed as a punishment from the gods.</li> <li>Patients believed their best chance of recovery was to make offerings at temples, especially those dedicated to Apollo (the god of healing) or his son Asclepius.</li> <li>Hippocrates of Kos (c. 460-370 BC), known as the 'Father of Medicine,' was the first to write extensively about diseases, illnesses, and their symptoms.</li> <li>For the next two thousand years, his works became foundational to medical practice.</li> <li>He pioneered the use of symptoms to diagnose illnesses.</li> <li>Hippocrates believed sickness resulted from an imbalance among the four humours: blood, black bile, yellow bile, and phlegm.</li> </ul>
GALEN OF PERGAMON	<ul> <li>The work of Hippocrates was built upon by other physicians, especially Galen of Pergamon (AD 129 – 216).</li> <li>Galen practiced during the height of the Ancient Roman Empire's power.</li> <li>Galen believed that to properly treat the body, knowledge of anatomy (the study of the structure of the human body) was essential.</li> <li>Due to a ban on human dissection, Galen experimented on and dissected animals he thought had similar bodies to humans.</li> <li>This led Galen to reach several false conclusions about how human organs worked.</li> <li>These misconceptions resulted in doctors treating people incorrectly for over a thousand years.</li> <li>There is evidence that Roman doctors performed brain surgeries that would not be attempted again for nearly two thousand years.</li> </ul>
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Divine Beings	
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PUBLIC HEALTH CARE	
	Physicians apprenticed with experienced doctors before setting up on their own.
	People who could not afford a <b>doctor</b> would go to <b>healers</b> , who sold herbal mixtures.
	Most of these remedies did little to treat the underlying problem, though some provided pain
	• Temples to Asclepius operated as early medical centres where people could go to the priests
	for medical advice and treatment.
	<ul> <li>Medieval medicine was based on the theories of the Ancient Greeks, particularly surrounding</li> </ul>
HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN THE MIDDLE AGES	the four humours (blood, black bile, yellow bile and phlegm) where it was thought that most
	sicknesses were due to an imbalance between the humours.
	Treatments for imbalances included:
	<ul> <li>Bleeding: cutting the patient so that they bled</li> <li>Cupping: placing heated metal cups on the skin to draw fluids to the surface</li> </ul>
	Leeching: using leeches to draw blood or other fluids out of the body
	Amputation: cutting off a limb
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	and influenza. People often died of minor ailments and infections.
	Poor diets meant people were less able to fight illness while a lack of hygiene meant that most
	wounds became infected easily.
	• Women faced the added danger of childbirth, with many dying due to blood loss or infection.
	Herbal medicines were common treatments.
	<ul> <li>Monasteries often looked after the sick, functioning as the first hospitals in many countries.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Black Death (bubonic plague) killed at least one-third of Europe's population between</li> </ul>
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MEDICAL DISCOVERIES	<ul> <li>1910 – Histamine (Antihistamines were discovered in 1937): a substance produced by the body when it suffers an immune reaction. Antihistamine drugs are now used to treat symptoms of mild allergies such as runny noses and watery eyes.</li> <li>1912 – The Discovery of Vitamins: micronutrients essential for good health. Doctors identified what levels of each vitamin are needed to avoid deficiency diseases such as scurvy (vitamin C) or rickets (vitamin D).</li> <li>1921 – Insulin: a hormone that breaks down sugar in the bloodstream. People with Type 1 diabetes cannot produce insulin naturally and must inject it instead.</li> <li>1928 – Penicillin: the first antibiotics, discovered by Alexander Fleming on bread mould. Penicillin is still used to treat many kinds of bacterial infection.</li> <li>1953 – DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid): a double-helix molecule present in the nucleus of cells. It contains the genetic information that allows all forms of life to function, grow and reproduce.</li> <li>1798 – Vaccination: a vaccine is a type of medicine that trains the body's immune system so that it is ready to fight a disease it has not encountered before. Smallpox, which devasted the peoples of the Americas, has now been eradicated worldwide due to a vaccine first developed by Edward Jenner in the early nineteenth century. Vaccines protect people against many types of serious diseases such as polio, mumps and Covid-19.</li> <li>1914 – Portable X-Ray Machine: Marie Curie improved the x-ray discovered by the German engineer Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen in 1895, creating a portable x-ray machine that was first used in World War I to treat wounded soldiers on the frontline.</li> <li>1956 – Ultrasound: High-frequency soundwaves are used to 'see' inside the body. Ultrasound is used to scan internal organs and tissues. Since the 1970s, they have also been used to monitor pregnancies harmlessly.</li> </ul>
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MEDICAL INVENTIONS	<ul> <li>1960 – Hormonal Contraception: the contraceptive pill for women was invented in the 1960s and rapidly transformed society by giving women control over their fertility. Women began to graduate from universities and advance their careers at much higher rates once pregnancies could be planned.</li> <li>1967 – CT Scan: a special x-ray machine that takes multiple images to produce a 3D picture of the inside of the body. It is often used after accidents, or to check for blood clots or unusual growths.</li> <li>1977 – MRI (magnetic resonance imaging): strong magnetic fields and radio waves are used to create detailed images of the organs and tissues. MRI scanning can detect areas of disease.</li> <li>1978 – In vitro fertilisation (IVF): a technique used to help achieve a pregnancy when the natural method has been unsuccessful. Fertilisation takes place in a laboratory and the embryo is transferred to a woman's uterus after several days.</li> <li>Blood types: the four blood types (A, B, O and AB) were discovered before World War I. This made blood transfusions possible and blood donation schemes were set up.</li> <li>Skin grafts and plastic surgery: both were known in earlier times but became very advanced in the twentieth century due to their usefulness in treating war injuries. After World War I, skin grafts (healthy skin taken from elsewhere on the patient) were used to help reconstruct faces that had suffered burns or shrapnel damage. During World War II, plastic surgery was likewise used to help repair faces.</li> <li>Transplant surgery: the first successful kidney transplant took place in 1954 while the first successful heart transplant took place in 1957.</li> <li>Laser surgery and keyhole surgery: these are less invasive surgical methods, which lower the risk of infection and greatly reduce recovery time.</li> </ul>
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**Keyhole Surgery** 

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Amputation	Cutting off a limb.	
Anaesthetics	Drugs that makes a person unable to feel pain.	
Antibiotic	<ul> <li>A substance used to fight bacterial infection in the body.</li> </ul>	
Antiseptics	Make clean or free of germs.	
Beveridge Report	• British Government report during World War II that led to the establishment of the welfare state.	
Bleeding	Cutting the patient so that they bleed.	
Bloodletting	<ul> <li>Taking blood from a sick person to cure or heal them.</li> </ul>	
Child mortality	The death of children over one month and under the age of five.	
Contraceptive Pill	Contains hormones that temporarily prevent pregnancy (when taken correctly and regularly), allowing women to control their fertility.	
Cupping	<ul> <li>Placing heated metal cups on the skin to draw fluids to the surface.</li> </ul>	
Four humours	• Four major fluids in the body - blood, yellow bile, black bile, phlegm - which Ancient Greeks and Romans believed to cause disease if they were not in balance.	
Germ theory	<ul> <li>The discovery that germs spread disease.</li> </ul>	
Inoculation	<ul> <li>Giving a weak form of a disease to a person by injection to protect against that disease (vaccination)</li> </ul>	
Leeching	Worms used for bloodletting.	
Organ transplantation	<ul> <li>The replacement of failing organs with the healthy ones.</li> </ul>	
Pandemic	Worldwide spread of a new disease.	
Pattern of change	<ul> <li>How changes occur in a particular area of history over a period of time.</li> </ul>	
Penicillin	<ul> <li>The first antibiotic, used to treat many kinds of bacterial infection.</li> </ul>	
Pharmaceutical drugs	<ul> <li>Manufactured medications developed through experimentation.</li> </ul>	
Public health	The overall health of the population, as protected and improved by the actions of government.	
Vaccination	Giving a person a vaccine to prevent them from developing a disease (inoculation)	
Vaccines	<ul> <li>Medicines designed to prompt the immune system to develop the necessary antibodies to fight off a particular disease by exposing it to a non-dangerous version of the disease.</li> </ul>	
Welfare States	• Programmes where governments sought to greatly expand access to education, health care and other social services, often making these free of charge.	



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3.11 EXPLORE the contribution of technological developments and innovation to historical change 3.14 ILLUSTRATE patterns of change across different time periods in a chosen theme relating to life and society (such as, Crime and punishment; Food and drink; Work and leisure; Fashion and appearance or Health and medicine).

revolutionizing medicine and transforming the way healthcare is delivered. However, challenges such as healthcare inequality and antibiotic resistance continue to be significant issues advancements, and people have access to a wide range of medical treatments and procedures. New technologies, such as genetic engineering and artificial intelligence, are health challenges, such as overcrowding and pollution, which had to be addressed through new public health measures. Today, modern medicine and healthcare have made significant for greater understanding of diseases and the human body, leading to the development of new drugs and medical procedures. The growth of cities and industries also brought new public procedures, such as vaccination and anatomical dissection. The Industrial Revolution brought about further changes in medicine and health. Advances in technology and science allowed and health, as scholars began to rediscover ancient texts and develop new ideas about the human body and disease. This led to the development of new medical treatments and based on superstitions and religious beliefs. Medical knowledge was limited, and people relied on traditional healers and remedies. The Renaissance marked a significant shift in medicine Patterns of Changes in Medicine and Health over time have been significant and have impacted societies in different ways. During the Middle Ages, medicine and healthcare were mostly

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centuries to come. of the first medical schools and the introduction of medical texts that would be studied for Middle Ages laid the foundation for the development of modern medicine, with the emergence wearing a necklace made of herbs could ward off the plague. Despite these shortcomings, the Physicians often relied on superstition and quackery to treat their patients. For example, it brutal and ineffective. Surgery was rare and dangerous, and anesthesia did not exist of medical knowledge and research. Medical practices during the Middle Ages were often wounded. Herbal remedies were also commonly used, and some monasteries became centres was believed that a person could be cured of a fever by being surrounded by roses, or that also played a significant role in healthcare, with religious orders providing care to the sick and involved bloodletting and purging, which were thought to rebalance the humours. The Church The balance of these humours was believed to determine a person's health. Treatment often theory was based on the idea of the four humours: blood, phlegm, yellow bile, and black bile ancient Greek physician Hippocrates and the Roman physician Galen. The dominant medical During the Middle Ages health and medicine were heavily influenced by the teachings of the

reliever. The first antibiotic, penicillin, was discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928 and Revolution also saw the emergence of the first medical schools that were separate from development of anaesthesia, which made surgery safer and more effective. The Industrial to advances in medical technology, such as the invention of the stethoscope and the building of sewers and the provision of clean drinking water. The Industrial Revolution also overcrowding. Public health measures were introduced to improve sanitation, such as the variety of diseases. Aspirin, for example, was synthesized in 1897 and became a popular pain also led to the growth of the pharmaceutical industry, as new drugs were developed to treat a infection during surgery, which greatly improved surgical outcomes. The Industrial Revolution antiseptics. Joseph Lister, a British surgeon, developed antiseptic techniques to prevent responsible for causing infectious diseases, which led to the development of vaccines and revolutionized medicine. Louis Pasteur's germ theory proposed that microorganisms were practicing medicine. The discovery of germs and the development of antisetics also standardize medical education and practice, and ensure that only qualified individuals were universities, as well as the establishment of medical licensing and regulation. This helped to diseases, such as cholera and tuberculosis, was rampant due to poor sanitation and growth of cities and factories, public health became a major concern. The spread of infectious The Industrial Revolution brought significant changes to health and medicine. With the ed

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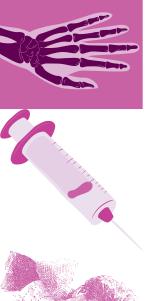
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was now accepted as a necessary part of medical education. Anatomical knowledge and the first medical textbooks were published. The practice of dissection, previously banned development of printing technology made it easier to disseminate medical knowledge, and emergence of the first medical journals and the establishment of medical societies. The rediscovery of ancient medical knowledge. This led to the development of new treatments Renaissance also saw a renewed interest in Greek and Roman medical texts, leading to the circulation of blood, for example, revolutionized medical knowledge and practice. The challenged the traditional medical teachings of the Middle Ages. Harvey's discovery of the work of Andreas Vesalius, a Flemish anatomist, and William Harvey, an English physician, the first public hospitals, which provided medical care to the poor and sick. surgical techniques improved significantly. The Renaissance also saw the introduction of that was later synthesized into modern antimalarial drugs. The Renaissance also saw the such as the use of cinchona bark to treat malaria, which contained quinine, a substance and physiology led to a better understanding of the human body and how it functions. The The Renaissance marked a significant shift in health and medicine. Advances in anatomy

global health community improve access and reduce healthcare disparities continue to be a major focus of the access to healthcare remains a major issue in many parts of the world, and efforts to providers, and health insurance is widely used to cover the cost of medical care. However professionals. Healthcare is often delivered through a combination of public and private of healthcare professionals, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and allied health of modern medicine. The modern healthcare system is highly complex and involves a range epidemic and the emergence of new infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and COVID-19. public health, with the introduction of mass vaccination programs and the eradication of capabilities. Telemedicine, which allows for remote medical consultations and treatment imaging technology, such as CT scans and MRI scans, have greatly improved diagnostic Advances in genetics and biotechnology have led to the development of personalized In the modern day, health and medicine have continued to evolve at a rapid pace. The development of new treatments and vaccines for these diseases remains a major focus diseases such as smallpox. However, new challenges have arisen, such as the global obesity has also become increasingly popular. The 20th century saw significant improvements in medicine, which tailors treatment to a patient's individual genetic makeup. Medical



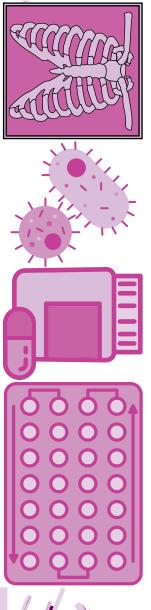
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images (maps, drawings, diagrams) as needed

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#### **HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN ANCIENT TIMES**

- **Hippocrates of Kos (460-370 BC):** Known as the "Father of Medicine," Hippocrates introduced the idea that diseases have natural causes rather than divine origins. He developed the **four humours theory**, which explained illness as an imbalance of blood, black bile, yellow bile, and phlegm.
- Galen of Pergamon (AD 129-216): Built on Hippocrates' work and emphasised the importance of anatomy. However, due to restrictions on human dissection, Galen based his findings on animal dissections, leading to incorrect conclusions about human organs.
- Healthcare Access: Physicians served those who could afford to pay, while healers provided herbal treatments to the poor. Temples to Asclepius, the god of healing, served as early medical centres.

### **HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN THE MIDDLE AGES**

- Medieval Medicine: Based on Galen's humours theory, common treatments included bleeding, cupping, and amputation. Hygiene was poor, leading to widespread disease like typhoid, smallpox, and influenza.
- The Black Death (1347-1350): The bubonic plague killed one-third of Europe's population. Its spread was facilitated by fleas on rats, and the disease caused fever, swellings, and lung infections. The devastation of the plague caused Europeans to question traditional medical practices.
- Women's Health: Childbirth was dangerous, with a 2.5% maternal death rate due to infection or complications. Midwives assisted in births, but doctors rarely attended due to lack of understanding of women's bodies.

### HEALTH AND MEDICINE DURING THE RENAISSANCE

- Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564): Through dissection of human corpses, Vesalius corrected many of Galen's mistakes. His book, *On the Structure of the Human Body*, advanced understanding of **anatomy** and improved surgical practices.
- William Harvey (1578-1657): Disproved Galen's belief that the liver produced blood by showing that blood circulates through the body, pumped by the heart.

### HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

- Germ Theory: In the 1670s, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek discovered germs using a microscope. By the 1870s, Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch proved that germs cause disease, revolutionising the fight against illnesses like cholera and tuberculosis.
- Vaccines: Edward Jenner developed the first vaccine for smallpox in 1796 by exposing people to cowpox. This led to the development of vaccines for diseases like polio, measles, and COVID-19.
- Women's Health: Advances in surgery and hygiene significantly improved maternal survival rates. By the **1880s**, doctors began using **handwashing** and **sterilisation** during childbirth.

### **HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN THE 20TH CENTURY**

- **Pharmaceuticals**: Key drug developments include:
  - Aspirin (1897): First widely used painkiller.
  - Antibiotics (1928): Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, the first antibiotic, revolutionising the treatment of bacterial infections.
  - Insulin (1921): Enabled the treatment of diabetes.
- Surgical Advances:
  - **Organ Transplants:** First successful **kidney transplant** (1954) and **heart transplant** (1967).
  - X-rays and MRI: Improved imaging of the body, allowing doctors to diagnose conditions more accurately.
  - **Plastic Surgery:** Advanced during the world wars, allowing reconstruction of facial injuries.
- Women's Reproductive Health:
  - **Contraceptive Pill (1960):** Gave women control over pregnancy, leading to greater career opportunities.
  - In Vitro Fertilisation (1978): Helped women conceive when natural methods failed.
- **Public Health:** The 20th century saw the rise of **welfare states**, providing free or affordable healthcare, education, and social services to all citizens.

# Ch. 32 - Patterns of Change (Medicine)

The images below both depict surgery. Image A depicts a sixteenth-century battlefield operation, while image B is a photograph from the 1970s and shows an operation in theatre. Examine them and answer the questions that follow.



(a) Describe what is happening in image A.

(b) Describe what is happening in image B.

(c) Which of these sources would a historian find more reliable? Explain your answer.

(d) What do these images tell us about changes in medical practice over time? Identify three changes you can see.

(e) Based on your study of the history of medicine, what medical advance do you consider to be the most important? Give reasons for your answer.

(f) Based on your study of patterns of change, write an account of how medical knowledge has changed over time.

(g) Based on your study of the history of medicine, how has access to health care changed over time?

#### **Question 10**



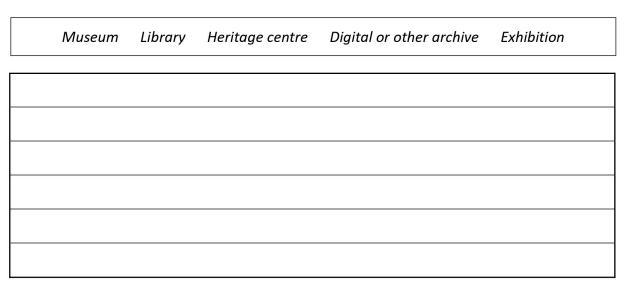
"A historian ought to be exact, sincere and impartial, free from passion, unbiased by interest, fear, resentment or affection. And faithful to the truth, which is the mother of history, the preserver of great actions, the enemy of oblivion, the witness of the past, the director of the future."

B.R. Ambedkar Indian politician (1891-1956)

(a) Read the statements which follow and indicate with a tick (✓) whether each one represents a fact or an opinion.

Statement	Fact	Opinion
B.R. Ambedkar served as an Indian politician.		
Politics in India is a complex topic to study.		
The history of India is interesting and varied.		
B.R. Ambedkar died in 1956.		
Sources of history should be cross-referenced for accuracy.		

(b) How did your investigation of one of the resources below help you to better understand the work of a historian?





(c) As part of your studies for Junior Cycle history, you looked at patterns of change over time. In the box below, identify an aspect of life and society in which you have studied patterns of change.

Aspect:

Explain three changes that you have learned about in your chosen aspect of life and society.

