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## Welcome to the Practice of Medicine in Early Modern Europe.

The Edward Worth Library is a rare books collection, bequeathed to Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, by Dr Edward Worth (1676–1733), who was one of the Hospital's earliest Trustees. This web exhibition, on the practice of medicine in early modern Europe, marks the hosting of the [WONCA Europe conference in Dublin in September 2024](#) by the [Irish College of General Practitioners](#) on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The exhibition was curated by the Librarian of the Edward Worth Library, Dr Elizabethanne Boran, with contributions from Dr Fabrizio Bigotti ([Centre for](#)



**This exhibition explores the wonderful medical  
collections of the early eighteenth-century  
Dublin physician,  
Dr Edward Worth (1676-1733).**

**The full online exhibition is now available at  
[www.thepracticeofmedicine.edwardworthlibrary.ie/](http://www.thepracticeofmedicine.edwardworthlibrary.ie/)  
or on the  
'Exhibitions' tab of  
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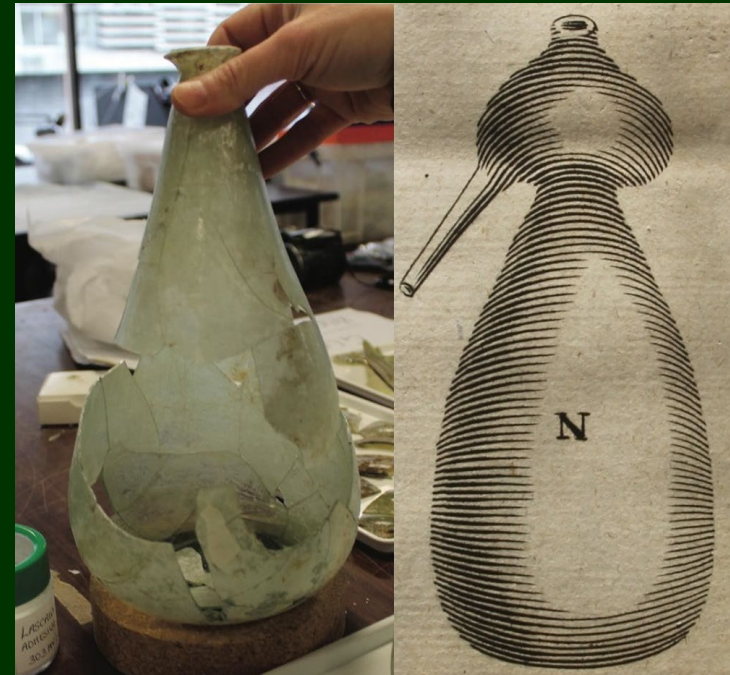


Explore famous texts on the practice of early modern medicine from Galenic and Chymical perspectives.



What connects this image of a seventeenth-century apothecary's shop in Leiden and this glass cucurbit from an archaeological dig in Dublin in 2017?

Find out on our 'Apothecaries' webpages!





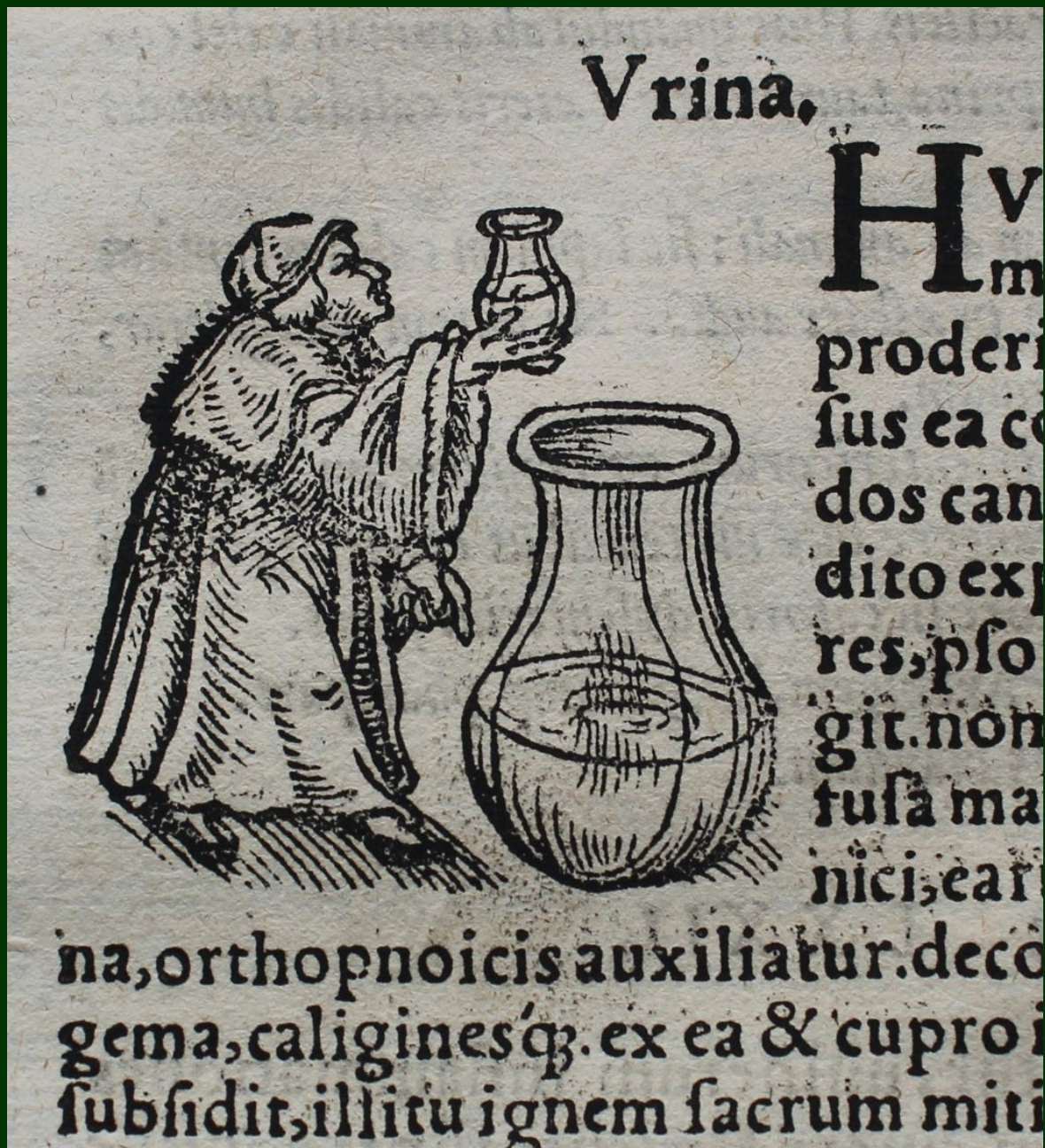
**What should you have in your surgeon's bag in the seventeenth century?  
Find out on our 'Surgery' webpage!**



**Surgical instruments: a variety of forceps, drills and scissors, with demonstrational figures.**

**Etching by R.W., 1687. Wellcome Collection. Source: [Wellcome Collection](#).**





Just how important was uroscopy  
in diagnosing a patient in early  
modern Europe?  
Find out more on our 'Diagnosis  
and Prognosis' webpage!





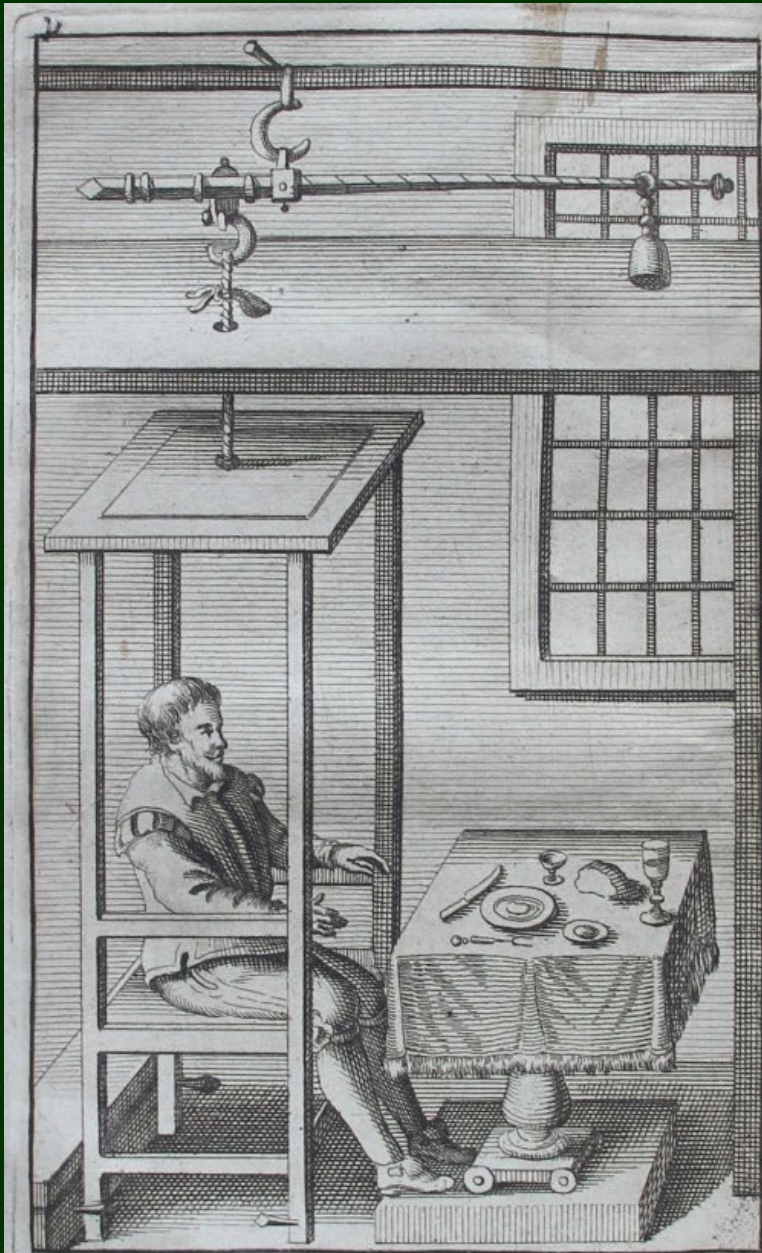
Investigate  
a range of  
common  
treatments in  
early modern  
Europe!





New treatments were also being introduced – see more in the ‘Treatments’ section of [www.thepracticeofmedicine.edwardworthlibrary.ie](http://www.thepracticeofmedicine.edwardworthlibrary.ie)





SANCTORII SANCTORII  
DE  
**STATICA**  
**MEDICINA**

APHORISMORUM

Sectiones Septem:

CUM

COMMENTARIO  
**MARTINI LISTER.**



LUGDUNI BATAVORUM.

Apud **CORNELIUM BOUTESTEYN,**

M D C C I I I.

Why was this man  
being weighed?

Find the answer on  
our webpage:  
‘Santorio on the  
Six Non-Naturals’!



**Bleeding and purging  
continued to play a  
major role in treatment in  
early modern Europe.**

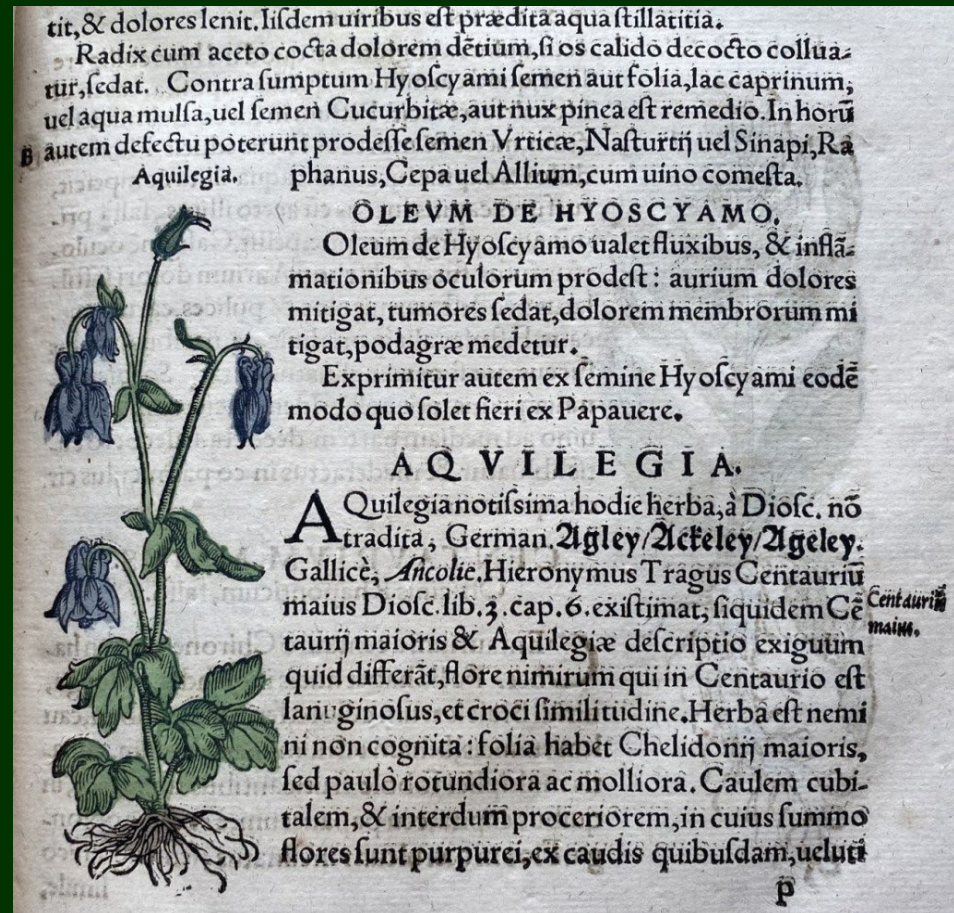
**Find out more on our  
webpage: 'Bleeding and  
Purging'.**





# Why was herbal medicine so popular in early modern Europe?

Find out on our webpage: 'Herbal Medicines'.





DISPENSATORIUM  
**BRANDEN-  
BURGICUM.**

SEU  
NORMA,  
Juxta quam  
IN

**PROVINCIAE MARCHIONATUS  
BRANDENBURGICI,**  
*Medicamenta officinis familiaria dispensanda*

*ac preparanda sunt,  
Serenissimi atque Potentissimi Electoris Auctoritate  
conscriptum & divulgatum*

SERENITATE SUAE ELECTORALI  
subjectissimo & devotissimo  
**COLLEGIO MEDICO.**



CUM GRATIA ET PRIVILEGIO.

BEROLINI,

Sumptibus JOHANNIS VELCKERI, Bibliopolæ, M. DC. XCVIII.  
Imprim. ULRICUS LIEBPERTUS, Elector. Typogr.

**PRETIUM  
MEDICAMENTORUM  
SIMPLICIUM & COMPO-  
SITORUM,**

IN  
OFFICINIS PHARMACEUTICIS RATISBO-  
NENSIBUS VENALIUM.

**Tar =**

Oder

**Preis-Ordnung**

aller

**Arzneien,**

So in denen Apotheken zu Regensburg  
zu finden seynd.

RATISBONÆ.

Sumptibus JOHANNIS CONRADI PEEZII.  
M DCCXXVII.

Edward Worth  
owned a large  
number of  
pharmacopoeias,  
necessary for any  
practising  
physician in early  
eighteenth-century  
Europe!

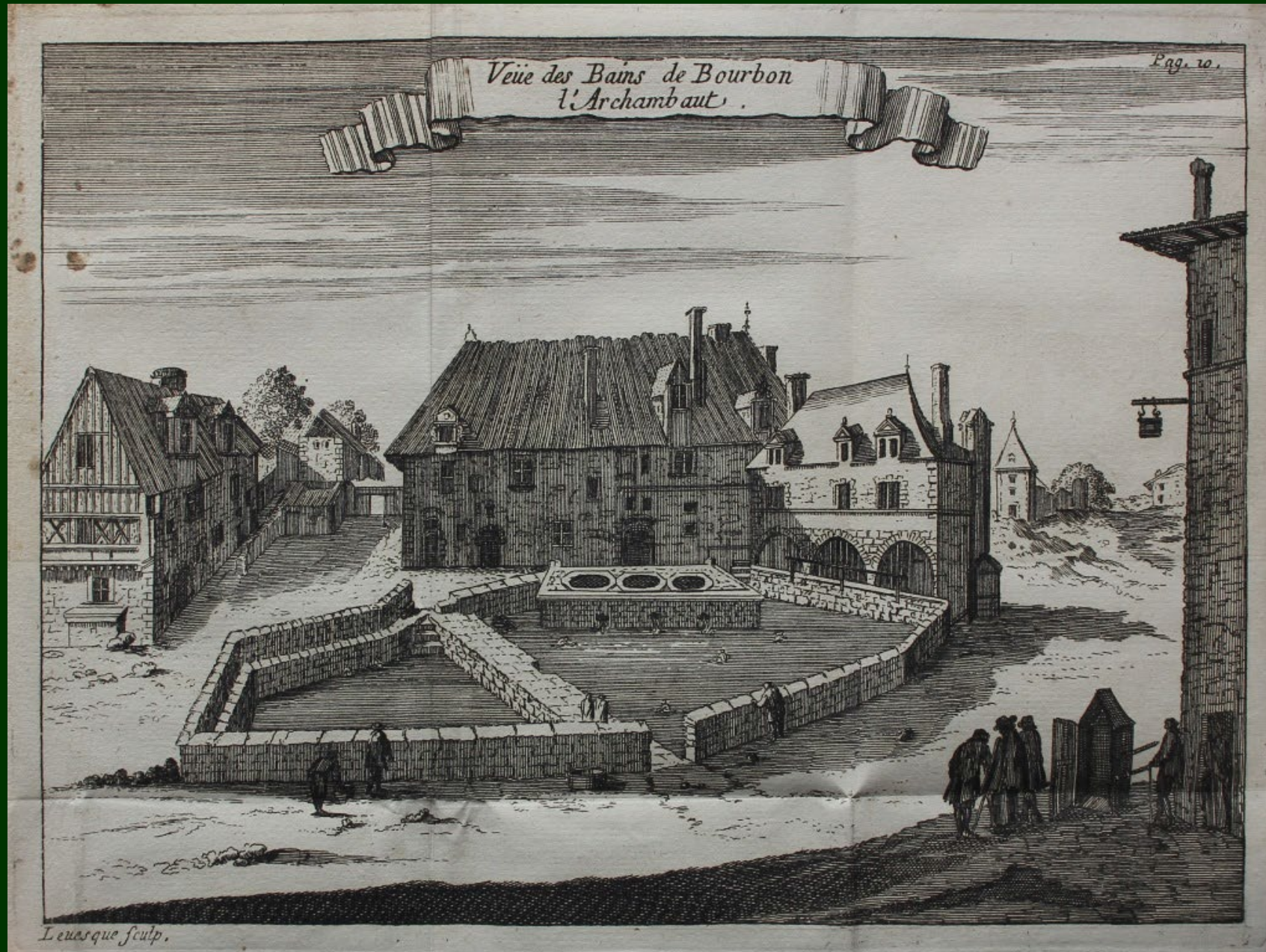




**‘Experience makes  
everyone a physician’.**

**Find out about the  
important role played by  
women in early modern  
healthcare, in both our  
‘At Home’ and ‘Hospitals’  
webpages!**





Was life at a  
seventeenth-century  
spa really as dull as  
Marie de Rabutin-  
Chantal,  
Marquise de  
Sevigné (1626–96),  
said it was?

Find out on our  
'Spas' webpage!



**As a Trustee of Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin,  
Dr Edward Worth was heavily involved in the  
foundation of the hospital.**

**Find out more about early modern hospital  
provision on our 'Hospitals' webpage!**





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