

History of Medicine Quiz

1. Who is considered the “Father of Medicine”?
A) Galen
B) **Hippocrates**
C) Paracelsus
D) Avicenna
2. Which ancient civilization is credited with the earliest known surgical texts?
A) Babylonians
B) **Ancient Egyptians**
C) Mayans
D) Hittites
3. What was the purpose of trepanation in ancient times?
A) Improve vision
B) **Relieve pressure or treat mental illness**
C) Increase strength
D) Cure infections
4. Who discovered penicillin in 1928?
A) Joseph Lister
B) **Alexander Fleming**
C) Louis Pasteur
D) Jonas Salk
5. The Black Death was primarily spread by which organism?
A) Mosquitoes
B) **Fleas on rats**
C) Ticks
D) Flies
6. Who introduced antiseptic surgery using carbolic acid?
A) Edward Jenner
B) **Joseph Lister**
C) Florence Nightingale
D) Robert Koch
7. Which disease was the first to be eradicated by vaccination?
A) Measles
B) **Smallpox**
C) Polio
D) Tuberculosis
8. Who developed the first successful polio vaccine?
A) Albert Sabin
B) **Jonas Salk**
C) Paul Ehrlich
D) Maurice Hilleman
9. What is the name of the ancient Indian text on medicine and surgery?
A) Avesta
B) **Sushruta Samhita**
C) Tao Te Ching
D) Ebers Papyrus
10. Who discovered that blood circulates around the body?

- A) Andreas Vesalius
 - B) **William Harvey**
 - C) Anton van Leeuwenhoek
 - D) Galen
11. The stethoscope was invented by which physician in 1816?
- A) Claude Bernard
 - B) **René Laennec**
 - C) Ignaz Semmelweis
 - D) William Osler
12. Which ancient Greek physician's ideas dominated European medicine for centuries?
- A) Aristotle
 - B) **Galen**
 - C) Hippocrates
 - D) Socrates
13. Who discovered X-rays in 1895?
- A) Marie Curie
 - B) **Wilhelm Roentgen**
 - C) Niels Bohr
 - D) Max Planck
14. Which war led to major advances in plastic surgery?
- A) Crimean War
 - B) **World War I**
 - C) American Civil War
 - D) World War II
15. What was the primary focus of Florence Nightingale's reforms?
- A) Developing vaccines
 - B) **Improving hospital sanitation**
 - C) Creating surgical instruments
 - D) Introducing anesthesia
16. Who first identified tuberculosis bacteria?
- A) Louis Pasteur
 - B) **Robert Koch**
 - C) Paul Ehrlich
 - D) Edward Jenner
17. Which civilization first practiced acupuncture?
- A) **Chinese**
 - B) Japanese
 - C) Korean
 - D) Egyptian
18. Who is considered the founder of modern nursing?
- A) Clara Barton
 - B) **Florence Nightingale**
 - C) Mary Seacole
 - D) Dorothea Dix
19. Which scientist developed the germ theory of disease?
- A) Edward Jenner
 - B) **Louis Pasteur**
 - C) Alexander Fleming

D) Joseph Lister

20. The first successful human heart transplant was performed in which country?

A) USA

B) UK

C) **South Africa**

D) Canada