

**Core Reading Suggestions - History of Medicine Course, October 2022-June 2023**  
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The following texts are the titles that past students have found most helpful when taking the History of Medicine Course. They are not revision guides for the DHMSA exam, but publications that reflect the course's introductory nature, breadth of coverage, multidisciplinary audience and primary focus on western medical traditions. It is important that participants on the course read widely and further specialised suggestions on the topics covered are provided in the bibliography accompanying the course and in the course booklet and lecture synopses. Please note that the titles suggested can be purchased second hand for example via [www.abebooks.co.uk](http://www.abebooks.co.uk) and via second hand booksellers on Amazon.

William Bynum, *The History of Medicine, a very short introduction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008).

L. Conrad, Michael Neve, Vivian Nutton, Roy Porter and Andrew Wear, *The Western Medical Tradition: 800 BC to AD 1800* (Cambridge: CUP, 1995).

W.F. Bynum, Anne Hardy, Stephen Jacyna, Christopher Lawrence, E.M. Tansey, *The Western Medical Tradition 1800-2000* (Cambridge: CUP, 2006).

Roy Porter, *The Greatest Benefit to Mankind; a medical history of humanity from antiquity to the present* (London: Fontana Press, 1999, reprint 2017).

Roy Porter, *The Cambridge Illustrated History of Medicine* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, rev. ed 2006).

For guidance on starting out in historical research and advice on participating in the historical community:

Penelope J. Corfield and Tim Hitchcock, *Becoming an Historian: An Informal Guide* (London: Institute of Historical Research, 2022). Free PDF available at

<https://www.sas.ac.uk/publications/becoming-historian>