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**Patient voices in
Britain, 1840-1948**

Patient Voices:

Finding and Using Patient Narratives in Historical Research

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'A people's history of suffering might restore to the history of medicine a human face.'

Roy Porter, 'The Patient's View: Doing Medical History from Below'
Theory and Society 14:2 (1985), 194.

‘not only a necessary reference but also a classic trope’

Alexandra Bacopoulous-Viau and Aude Fauvel,
‘The Patient’s Turn: Roy Porter and Psychiatry’s Tales, Thirty Years On’,
Medical History 60:1 (2016), 1.

‘how to deal with subjectivity, experience and perhaps even choice is still
very much uncharted territory for historians.’

Florian Condrau, ‘The Patient’s View Meets the Clinical Gaze’,
Social History of Medicine 20:3 (2007), 526.



Samuel Pepys



Ada Lovelace



Virginia Woolf



HD (Hilda Doolittle)



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London



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‘medicine stands alongside the munitions industry as one of the great beneficiaries of war.’

Roger Cooter, ‘Medicine and the Goodness of War’,
Canadian Bulletin of Medical History 7:2 (1990), 149

‘Men of all nationalities came out of the trenches with the firm belief that because they had gone to war they deserved good state-funded medical and social care, not just during the conflict but after it too.’

Fiona Reid, *Medicine and the First World War in Europe: Soldiers, Medics, Pacifists* (2017), 198.



West Riding Asylum, Wakefield

‘practitioner-centred accounts of how medicine has benefited from and been advanced by war’

Roger Cooter and Steve Sturdy, ‘Of War, Medicine and Modernity: Introduction’
in *War, Medicine and Modernity*, ed. Roger Cooter, Mark Harrison and Steve Sturdy (1998), 6.

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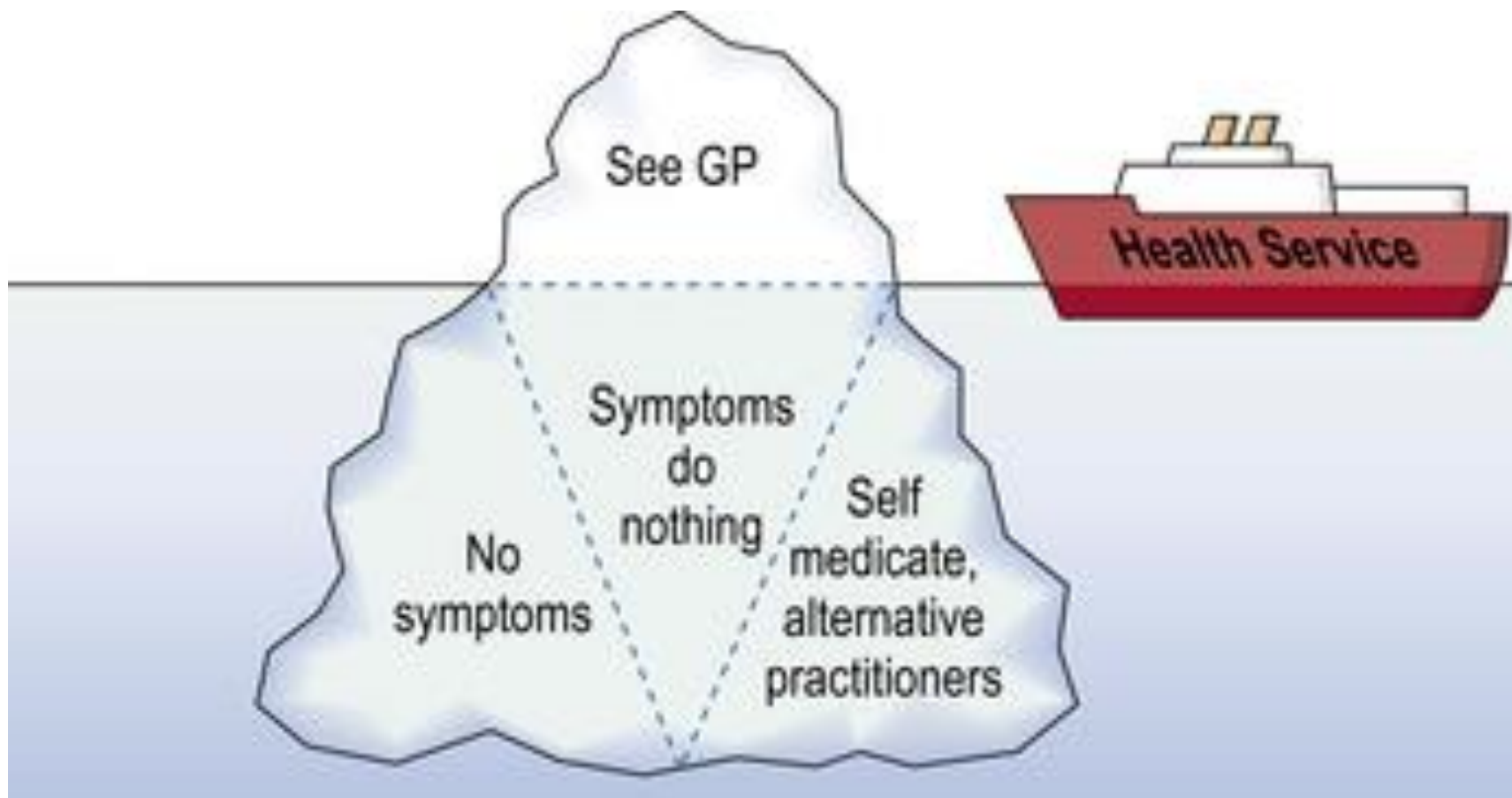
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