Physicians in the 17th Century

This exhibit was originally curated by Miss Ruth J. Mann, History of Medicine Librarian from 1964 until her retirement in 1983. It features individuals from the 17th century who made significant contributions to medicine and whose books are amongst the collection of the W. Bruce Fye History of Medicine Library.

Miss Mann began her career at Mayo Clinic Library in 1946 and achieved distinction as an Instructor for the Mayo Medical School, 1971-1981, and Assistant Professor in the Mayo Medical School, July 1981-83. She was named Associate of Staff in 1983. Miss Mann passed away October, 2015.

As in much of the history of medicine, this exhibit is still relevant today and demonstrates it is only through knowledge of the past it is possible to understand or to judge the medicine of today. Physicians and students of today, while endeavoring to solve the new problems posed by science, can return for inspiration to the inexhaustible sources of the past and listen to the counsels and teachings of those who have gone before.

Rembrandt van Rijn, The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Tulp, 1632.

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