Dear Friends:
While New York remains on pause, the NYAM Library team continues to work remotely providing reference assistance to researchers. Learn more here.

Our blog, Books, Health, and History, our Color Our Collections website, and all the featured materials below are also available to you 24/7. Take some time to enjoy and learn from these treasures.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our beautiful reading room as soon as we can. Be well.

The NYAM Library Team

Images from the Past: Physicians and Plague Patients
In the time of COVID-19, we’re looking back to pandemics of the past. In a collection image printed in the year 1600, a physician attends a plague patient while surrounded by assistants. The library has digitized its five editions of the Fasciculi medici, a selection of hand-written medieval treatment manuals that quickly moved into print in the 15th century. For this illustration and more, see our digital exhibit “Fasciculi Libre.”

From the Blog: Highlighting NYAM Women in Medical History
Pioneering dermatologist and NYAM Fellow Dr. Daisy Maudé Orlin Robinson served in World War I, developed sex education programs for women, and supported women physicians around the world. In this latest blog post in our series on NYAM women in medical history, guest contributor Rienah Johnston explores how Dr. Robinson became a leader in dermatology by noting her own body’s reactions to E-raz.

Featured Video: The Most Influential Medical Book of the 17th Century
Visit our reading room virtually and explore one of our most striking and beautiful books, Vasaulus’ Landmark anatomical text De corporis humani fabrica, with Atlas Obsoleta.

Color Our Collections
This week we highlight the Library of Virginia, whose coloring book celebrates women’s suffrage. This book is one of hundreds found on our Color Our Collections website, which showcases images from libraries, archives, and museums around the world.

COVID-19 Resources
The library team collected and made available these COVID-19 resources, chiefly intended for public health and medical researchers.

Noted Elsewhere: Wash Your Hands!
The WNYC show “Radiolab” recently posted a profile of 19th-century physician Ignaz Semmelweis. Starting in 1847, he promoted hand-washing in Vienna’s General Hospital to reduce diseases associated with childbirth—and was castigated for it. The segment features our colleague Dr. Nancy Tomes, historian of medicine at Stony Brook University. For an artistic reimagining of his work, check out the opera Semmelweis, which had an early tryout at the Academy.

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