

## Learned Medical Practice in the Sixteenth Century.

Sixteenth-century medicine has attracted historians' attention for a long time. The major protagonists and their works, the rise of medical humanism, and the empirical turn in anatomy and botany have been studied by numerous scholars. Our knowledge of ordinary learned medical practice, by contrast, is still very sketchy and vague and largely based on physicians' theoretical writings. In my lecture, I will draw on physicians' personal notes, practice journals and similar manuscripts sources that reflect the everyday reality of learned medical practice rather than general theoretical outlooks. I will look at the ways, in which physicians diagnosed and treated patients, at the theories and concepts they resorted to, and at their interactions with patients and families who came with their own ideas and their own diagnostic and therapeutic preferences. The resulting picture of the medical world of sixteenth-century physicians and their patients will differ profoundly from what we have come to expect from reading their learned publications.