



Call for Articles

The next issue of “Historia Hospitalium. Jahrbuch der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Krankenhausgeschichte” (Historia Hospitalium. Yearbook of the German Association for the History of Hospitals) will focus on the topic: **“History of Nursing at the Clinic, Sanatorium, Nursing Institution and Hospital.”**

In the history of hospitals the history of nursing is still a marginal topic despite the obvious historical fact that in-patient care is much older than in-patient medical treatment. Even in the 18th century the main care provided for male and female inmates was still nursing care, usually by women, while doctors and surgeon were typically only called upon only if needed. The broad term of “care” also enables an extended understanding of the tasks and activities because it moves the whole spectrum of “wards” and patients in hospitals into focus – far beyond acutely ill people. If we consider the various epochs we see a very differentiated picture of nursing care, in which activities that we understand today as the essence of care were only a part of the carers’ practices. Yet even in the time of modernity care encompassed far more than physical care, treatment of wounds and intensive monitoring of patients. The diversity of caring activities and concepts of care in the history of clinic, sanatorium, nursing institution and hospital shall be underlined in this issue on the topic.

The following topics are possible options:

- Nursing care in its relation to other health and administrative professions
- Relationship between doctors and nurses
- Relationship between nurses and patients
- Nursing orders and concepts
- Nursing practices
- Artefacts/objects in nursing their usage
- Professionalisation and de-professionalisation of nursing
- Gender history within nursing
- Specialisation of nursing care (e.g. care in psychiatry, care for elderly people)
- Hospital hygiene and nursing care
- Economisation, rationalisation and commercialisation of nursing

If you would like to write an article for “Historia Hospitalium” on one of these topics or a related one in the context of your research, we would be grateful if you could send us an initial notification with an abstract by 28 February 2016. The manuscript in either German or English should be submitted by 27 June 2016.

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