



# Medicine and the Civil War

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## Purpose

- › To help users gain background knowledge on the topic
  - Personal interest research
  - Simple research projects



## Users

- › People with an “amateur” personal interest in the topic
- › Students/researchers interested in the topic at a basic level





# Components

- › General info websites
- › Places to Visit
- › Digital Collections
- › Pre-existing Research Guides
- › Encyclopedias & Books
- › Web Page Articles
- › Scholarly/Trade Articles



## General Info Websites

- › Ehistory.com Civil War Battlefield Medicine
  - <http://ehistory.osu.edu/uscw/features/medicine/cwsurgeon/>
  - This website has a variety of articles with general information about medicine during the Civil War as well as some primary sources related to the subject
- › Civil War Home
  - <http://www.civilwarhome.com/civilwarmedicineintro.htm>
  - This site presents a variety of articles related to Civil War medicine
- › Wikipedia
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medicine\\_in\\_the\\_American\\_Civil\\_War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medicine_in_the_American_Civil_War)
  - The Wikipedia entry for medicine in the American Civil War



## Places to Visit

- › National Museum of Civil War Medicine
  - Frederick, MD
- › Chimborazo Hospital
  - Richmond, VA
  - National Park Service site
- › Müller Museum at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia
  - This site has a lot of Civil War era specimens and medical paraphernalia
- › National Park Service distance learning
  - <http://www.nps.gov/fosc/forteachers/learning/cwmedicine.htm>
  - For Fort Scott, Clara Barton National Historic Site, Gettysburg National Park, and Wilson's Creek





# Digital Collections

## › CBS News

- <http://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/civil-war-medicine-37-pieces-of-history/>
- CBS News put together a collection of 37 images related to Civil War medicine

## › New York Public Library

- [http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/explore/dgexplore.cfm?col\\_id=203](http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/explore/dgexplore.cfm?col_id=203)

## › UAB Reynolds Historical Library

- <http://contentdm.mhsl.uab.edu/cdm/search/collection/CIVILWAR>

## › Medical Heritage Library

- <http://www.medicalheritage.org/2012/07/digital-highlight-civil-war-photography-from-the-army-medical-museum/>



## Pre-existing Research Guides

- › VCU
- › Library of Virginia
- › Eastern Michigan University
- › Penn
- › Emory University
- › Ohio History
- › Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- › Cyndi's List
  - Genealogist who put together a lot of links





## Encyclopedias & Books

- › Encyclopedia of Civil War Medicine
  - This is a go-to source for all things related to medicine during the Civil War. It was reviewed in Booklist.
- › Bleeding Blue & Gray: Civil War Surgery and the Evolution of American Medicine
- › Civil War Medicine: Challenges & Triumphs
- › Practicing Medicine in a Black Regiment: The Civil War Diary of Burt G. Wilder, 55th Massachusetts.
- › Civil War Medicine: An Illustrated History
- › ...lots of research guides have good book recommendations



## Web Page Articles

- › University of Toledo
- › National Museum of Health and Medicine
- › Civil War Trust
- › Son of the South
- › Army Heritage Center Foundation
- › PA Civil War 150
- › Discovery News
- › Marin Medical Society



## Scholarly/Trade Articles

- › Medical Advances during the Civil War
- › Binding wounds, pushing boundaries: African americans in civil war medicine exhibit
- › Intensely human: The health of the black soldier in the american civil War/The encyclopedia of civil war medicine
- › Gangrene Therapy and Antisepsis Before Lister: The Civil War Contributions of Middleton Goldsmith of Louisville
- › The Truth about Civil War Surgery





## My Experience

- › Fairly straightforward, interesting process
- › What I found easy:
  - Lots of sites with basic information about medicine during the Civil War exist
- › Things that frustrated me:
  - Some of the sites are geared specifically toward an institution so if you're not there they do you no good
  - Not many journal articles about the subject
    - › Lots of book reviews
- › Lessons Learned
  - The Web is a great resource if all you want is basic information