

## Directory of History of Medicine Collections

**Organization Name:** Berliner Medizinhistorisches Museum der Charité

**Organization Type:** Museum

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**Abstract:** Opened in 2007, the permanent exhibition is the signature of the Berlin Museum of Medical History at the Charité. It takes a total space of just under 800 m<sup>2</sup>. Alongside the specimen collection and the historical patients' ward, two further display rooms provide a path through medical history over the past 300 years. The presentation follows the ever-changing historical view of and into the body, finally arriving at the "recipient" of medicine, the patient, and the possibilities inherent in today's medicine. Parallel to the presentation of objects is a long band of text and pictures that connects the rooms with each other and shows in spotlight form the rise of the Charité to one of Europe's largest university hospitals. The museum has a dedicated area for special exhibitions as well.

**Holdings:** Next to 1.400 objects in the permanent exhibition, the museum keeps about 10.000 wet specimens and 12.000 instruments, medical apparatus and manuscripts in the depot and the archive. There is a focus on the history of pathology, wax moulages, ophthalmology, endoscopy and dentistry. Named collection: Rudolf Virchow Sammlung; Albrecht von Graefe-Sammlung der Deutschen Ophthalmologischen Gesellschaft. Printed catalogue of the permanent exhibition: Dem Leben auf der Spur. ISBN 978-3-7913-6286-1.

**Collection Subject Strengths:** History of Anatomy; History of Dentistry; History of Hospitals; History of Ophthalmology and Optometry; History of Pathology; History of Urology

**Other Collection Subject Strengths:**

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