

# MEDIEVAL MEDICINE

## Fragmentation of the Roman Empire

<b>Western Europe (Latin)</b>		<b>Byzantium (Greek)/Islam (Arabic)</b>
Early medieval period: Tribal/Pagan medicine	500	Preservation of Greek texts in the Eastern Roman Empire, which became Byzantium.
Gradual expansion of Christianity to northern Europe by missionaries	600	Muhammad--d. 632
Formation of feudal kingdoms (kings, knights, etc)	700	Islam united Arab tribes who then conquered of the rest of the Middle East, North Africa and Spain, creating Islamic states
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Medical "School" of Salerno in southern Italy flourished	900	Learned medicine of Islam-- translations of Greek texts into Arabic
	1000	
Growth of towns and trade in Europe		Avicenna (Ibn Sina)--d. 1037-- major Moslem philosopher; commentaries on Aristotle, Galen, and other classical authors
Formation of universities: Bologna, Padua, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge... Creation of the "MD" degree	1100	
Translation of classical texts from Arabic to Latin	1200	
Late medieval period	1300	
		<i>The Black Death, 1348-1352</i>
	1400	