



'Allison's differential binaural stethoscope, London, England' by Science Museum, London (1859)

HIST 31305: Medical Devices & Innovation

This course examines the history of material cultures of health care in the United States. The class will analyze how technological innovation has become central to medicine over the last two centuries and how we are coping with the consequences, both intended and unintended, of our reliance upon such medical devices. We will look at identities associated with medical devices, the ways in which disease is constructed, how technologies contribute to the naming of maladies, and implications for emergent bioengineering and biotechnologies.

Satisfies University Core Requirements: Humanities + Science, Technology & Society
Satisfies Great Issues in Science

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