The Museum of Medical History - Museum Anatomicum

The Museum of Medical History - Museum Anatomicum attends to collect objects concerning the history of medicine and anatomy from the 16th to the 19th century. As it is presented nowadays, the collection has been founded in the beginning of the 19th century thus the oldest stocks dealing with anatomy and midwifery matters can be dated back to the 18th century. The Marburg collection has been affiliated in common with objects from the abolished University of Helmstedt in 1810, when Christian Heinrich Bünger (1782-1842) was called to the University of Marburg and brought a major part of objects from Helmstedt. Most of the new objects originated from the comprehensive collection of Bünger himself who is considered to be the founder of the Marburg collection since most of the preparations as seen today are made respectively acquired by him. The collection was subsequently enhanced by considerable and famous anatomists such as Friedrich Matthias Claudius and Franz Ludwig Fick.

More than 3000 preparations from 1596 to 1920 are comprised in the Marburg collection including wet preparations in preservation liquids such as spiritus, turpentine and aqueous ethyl alcohol, complete skeletons both of human and animal origin, single bones, skulls and death masks of executed criminals and an anthropological skull collection. Furthermore, plaster and wax models of human organs, anatomical copperplates, oil paintings, surgical instruments and elaborate injection preparations of human body parts. Most interesting is a unique sample of head preparations as well as an enormous number of obstetric instruments documenting the history and development of midwifery.

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Guided tours for groups by appointment only

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