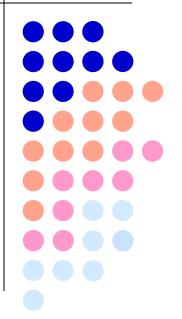
# History of major advances in medicine, social medicine and hygiene

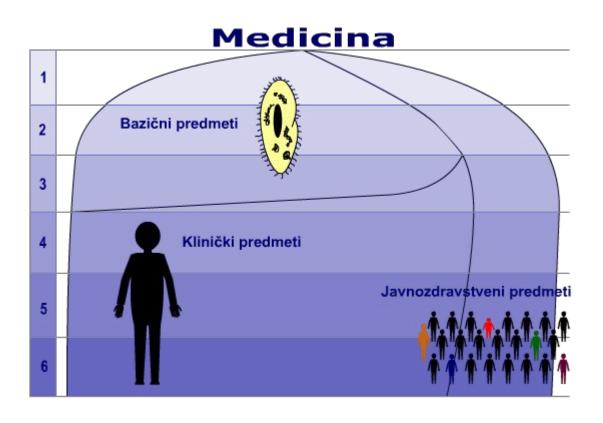
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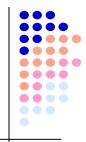










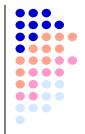


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 epidemics – well known through all of the human history



 Until 16th century every disease in epidemic proportion = "pestis" or "pestilentia"



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Bernard de Gordon in 14th c. in "Lilium medicinae" describes communicable diseases like: leprosy, anthrax, trachoma, acute fever, scabies, epilepsy, but does not mention plague, which was a pandemic known as "black death"



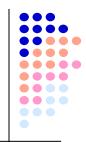






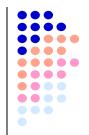
- Plague pandemic started in 1332 in India, spread through China and Russia to Constantinople and Italy
- In the middle of 14th c.- whole Asia, Europe and north Africa
- ...wasteland, extinct cities, corps lying around, with no one to bury them





- "black death" most prominent in Dalmatia (Split, Zadar, Dubrovnik)
- In Dubrovnik in 1377 <u>first quarantine in the</u> <u>world</u> – <u>40 days</u> of isolation and observation prior to unloading the cargo and people

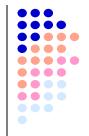




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 During 14th and 15th century – other epidemics: variola, disentery, scurvy, laprosy...

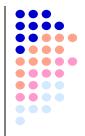








- Girolamo Fracastoro theory about invisible germs that spread and cause diseases
- Through direct contact, via objects, ability to spread far from the source
- Refutes Galen's "miasm theory" (poisonous air and fumes)



#### **Girolamo Fracastoro**

- "De contagione et contagiosis morbis" in 1543 – claims that germs multiply, are poisonous, could be destroyed by fire
- Recommends regular body hygene, clean environment, water and food sanitation, disinfection





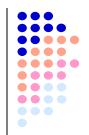
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at the end of 15th century and in 16
 c. – new epidemic in Europe – syphi

In Italy, Spain...



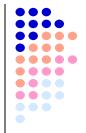




- Microscope discovery
- Antony van Leeuwenhoek in 1670

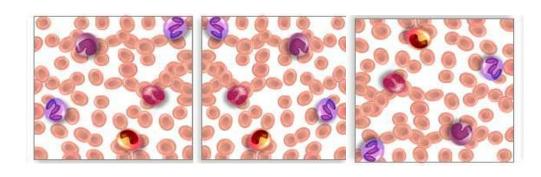






#### **Antony van Leeuwenhoek**

- Leeuwenhoek analyzed blood, saliva, bones, muscles, human eye lens, ect.
- Achieved magnification up to 40-160 times, later up to 270 times







- In 18th c. doctor from Slovenia Marko Anton Plenčić supports the theory about small living creatures which cause communicable diseases
- He hypothesized that different creature causes different, specific disease
- Described human immunity, susceptibility, incubation, disease carriers, some diseases (scarlet fever, variola)

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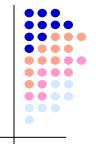
 At the end of 18th c. British doctor Edward Jenner noticed that women who milk cows often get cow pox (much more benign than smallpox) and never get smallpox, as a consequence



### **Edward Jenner**

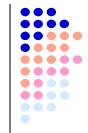
- After 20 years of observation –
  experiment on 8yrs old boy
  James Phipps
- Jenner took the pus from the hand of a women with cow pox and applied it to the boy – after 6 weeks the boy was exposed to smallpox – didn't get smallpox
- Published a book about vaccination in 1798 (vacca=cow)





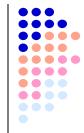
- Only in 19th century bacteria have been discovered
- Pollender discovered one of the largest bacteria - anthrax in the blood of dead animals





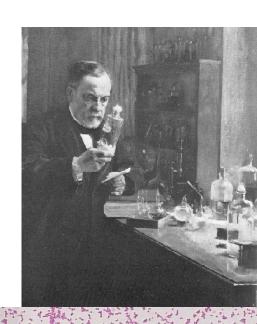


- Louis Pasteur foundations for modern theory about causes of communicable diseases
- discovered yeasts
- introduced pasteurization for wine and milk



#### **Louis Pasteur**

- Investigated other pathogenic microorganisms
- Noticed how anthrax culture loses virulence – when applied to healthy animal it didn't cause the disease
- Created vaccine to immnunize rams against anthrax
- In 1881. discovered streptococcus and staphylococcus bacteria





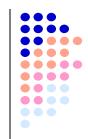
#### **Louis Pasteur**

 In 1885 L. Pasteur introduced vaccination agains rabies

- Dried spinal cord from dogs died of rabies Pasteur applied for 9yrs old boy Joseph Meistera, who was bitten by a rabid dog – the boy was saved
- Thanks to Pasteur, countless lives were saved all over the world



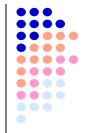




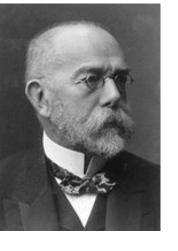
- During 19th c. in England great cholera epidemic
- John Snow a doctor perticulary interested in this epidemics in 1854 creates hypothesis that <u>cholera was</u> <u>transmitted via water</u>





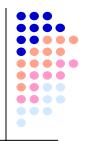


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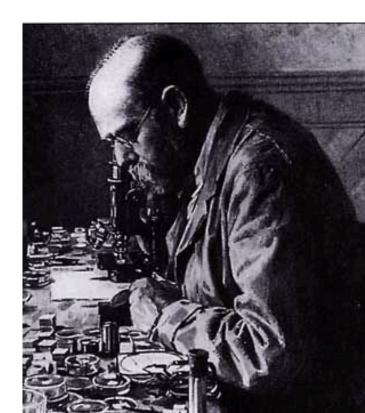
- 1882 Robert Koch discovered M. tuberculosis
- 1890 discovered tuberculin, first considered cure, later became diagnostic tool

tuberculosis was a pandemic at the end of 19th c.
 due to poor social and economic conditions



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 Koch also investigated other microorganisms: cholera, plague, malaria, typhus, amoebiasis

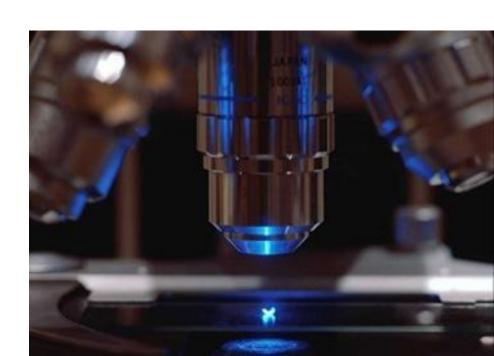




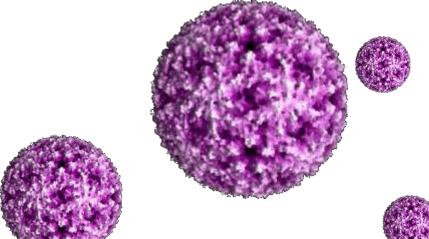
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 At the end of 19th c. Koch and Pasteur formed new discipline -

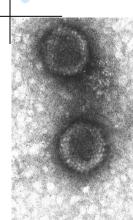
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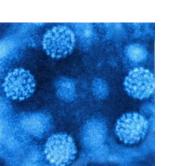


- Beginning of 20th c. discovery of viruses
- 1908 Karl Landsteiner poliomyelitis virus
- 1912 Wilhelm Grueter herpes virus

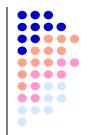






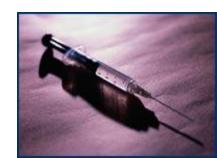


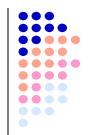






- In 1907 Paul Erlich introduced chemotherapy (chemicals that selectively destroy microorganisms, without causing damage to the host)
- 1923 systematic prophylactic BCG vaccine

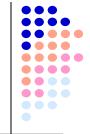








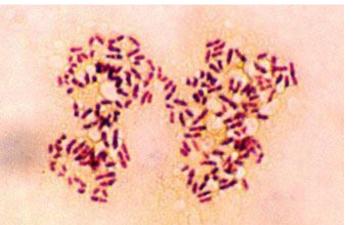
- 1928 Alexander Fleming accidental finding that the presence of molds blocked coccus culture growth
- Penicillium notatum penicillin



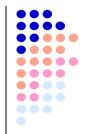




- Only from 1940s penicillin was applied during WWII against coccus bacteria, C. diphtheriae, anthrax, tetanus
- Over following years discoveries of other antibiotics, most important was streptomycin (Selman A. Waksman – coined term antibiotic)

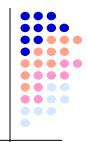






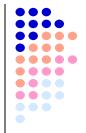


- Discovery of microorganisms, antibiotics and vaccines – led to disappearance of fatal epidemics of the past
- Further progress in medicine, social sciences, technology and economy
   led to increased life expectancy in wealthy populations, and change in morbidity and mortality patterns



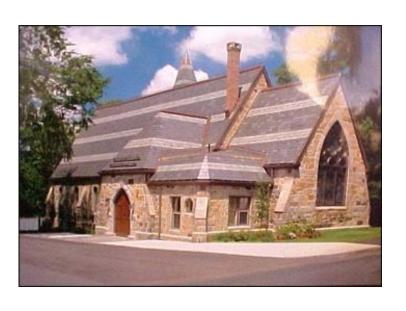
- During middle of 20th c. increase in cardiovascular diseases morbidity and mortality in developed countries
- Leading causes of death, accompanied with <u>cancers</u> and <u>accidents</u> (traffic)





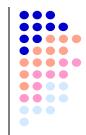
#### Framingham study

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 started in 1948 in USA – most famous and longest cohort study of cardiovascular diseases risk factors

# **Smoking effects in 1940s?**





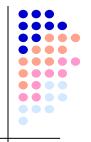


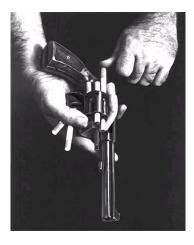




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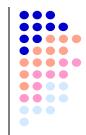


- Countless experiments and studies investigated smoking effects
- In 1951 famous study among British doctors began – smoking and lung cancer association? (R Doll and AB Hill)

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Second half of 20th c. research topics:

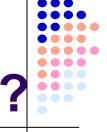
- Oral antidiabetic therapy
- Ionizing radiation and leukaemia
- Sacharin and bladder carcinoma
- Thalidomide effects
- Estrogen supplementation and endometrial cancer, and breast cancer
- Passive smoking
- HIV/AIDS
- Risk factors for accidents











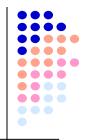
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