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The ALCMAEON Project: Designing a Digital Collection to Include Medical Museum in the Teaching of Medical Humanities and Promote Object-Based Learning Education Model

This paper presents the ALCMAEON project, funded by Erasmus+ program of the European Union. Five European universities are collaborating, aiming at the innovation of the teaching of medical history to medical undergraduate students with a new educational approach, that of object-based learning. Furthermore, better integration of historical, ethical and psychological components of medical humanities is sought.

The project represents an alternative model of medical history teaching, attempting to fill the gap between clinical practice and historical perspective of medical humanities with the use of historical scenarios and with the integration of historical proofs in specific educational contents. The project is currently developing a digital museum teaching platform with audiovisual material and digitalized collections of medical museums from Italy, Spain, Greece, the UK and Romania, in an attempt to promote the different traditions characterizing European medical history and bring medical museums in the university classroom.

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