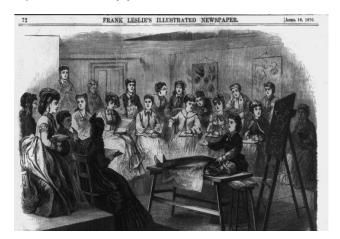
Women in medical education: female students in the first years of operation of the Faculty of Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

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Women in medical education worldwide

1849: Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first woman graduating from a Medical School (Geneva Medical College, NY) after 30 applications!!



1850: College of Pennsylvania, USA. First school for training women in medicine



The establishment of the Faculty of Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

1942: establishment of the Faculty of Medicine, A.U.Th. ------ Under German occupation!! -----



1st year medical students carrying building material for constructing the Anatomy lab

1942: total admitted students = $351 \leftarrow 101$ women 1942-49: total admitted students = $1550 \leftarrow 380$ women

Women in medical education in Greece

1897: Aggeliki & Maria Kalapothaki: the first women graduating from a Greek Medical School



1942-49:

- Only 164/380 women graduated
- 45/380 women were refugees
- 30% of women requested exemption from fees due to financial difficulties
- Most women graduated after 7 or 8 years of studies (range= from 6 to 26 years)

Aggeliki moves to Alexandria \rightarrow 1902: awarded with the Medal of the Order of Nile by the Egyptian government, as the first woman studying tropical diseases.



1908: Proclaimed don in the laboratory of Hygiene, National University of Athens

- Female students were not discriminated in any level from the male ones
- Many went abroad to specialize

-Political and economic situation governed the decision for higher medical education of women

-Despite the lack of infrastructures, books, or even professors, the students considered the new school as their own, helped and run around the city to attend classes

-Most women came from an educated environment

-6% of women came from a medical environment

-Soon after the establishment of the School, women also participated in the Faculty or simply in the teaching process

