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Of the 581 titles that make up the old bibliographical collection of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra, covering the 15th to 18th centuries, only five fall into the 15th century, thus constituting the so-called incunabula, the oldest cluster. From the 16th century names such as Amato Lusitano, Aristotle, Avicena, Guido de Chauliac, Dioscórides, Hippocrates, Galeno, Jacopo da Forli, Rasis, o "damasceno" Mesue and Pedro Julião or Pedro Hispano can be highlighted. These are the main manuals that contain, for the most part, commentaries to the Greek classics of medicine, particularly Galen, Hippocrates and Dioscorides, since the medieval study made from the commentary, usually graphically translated by the original text of the auctoritas occupying the center of the page, highlighted by the body of the type and surrounded by the commentary or glosa, was still very present in the 16th century. In matters as sensitive as medicine, the statements had to be based on any of the authors recognized as authorities. From the 17th century there are some works by Portuguese authors such as Duarte Madeira Arrais, Manuel de Azevedo, Rodrigo de Castro (according to some the founder of Portuguese obstetrics), Rodrigo da Fonseca, Tomás Rodrigues da Veiga and Abraão Zacuto, this one printed in Lyon and Amsterdam, as well as some of those mentioned above, which attests to the international recognition of the studies of

these Portuguese authors. From the 18th century, along with pharmacopoeias, there are a significant number of works of surgery, some of which are of Portuguese authorship and numerous dictionaries on medical subjects, History of Medicine and, curiously, portable health dictionaries, in the line of treaties on the health of peoples. Portuguese authors such as Jacob de Castro Sarmento, João Curvo Semedo, Feliciano de Almeida and others, publish their works in Portugal and abroad. The production of works on Physiology, Medical Physics and Conservative and Preventive Medicine is intensified. The present work describes in detail each one of the copies of this fund, giving special emphasis to its provenance attested by the numerous handwritten notes, in its great majority religious congregations, of which the Bookstore of the Monastery of St. Augustine's Regranted Canons with 337 copies and some old university colleges that had, in fact, in number and quality varied, bibliographic nuclei that supported the religious and student populations that frequented them.