Record Nr. UNISA996347749303316 Autore Berner Boel (Linkoping University, Schweden) Strange Blood: The Rise and Fall of Lamb Blood Transfusion in 19th Titolo Century Medicine and Beyond / Boel Berner Bielefeld, : transcript Verlag, 2020 Pubbl/distr/stampa 3-8394-5163-9 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (216 p.) Descrizione fisica Collana Medical Humanities; 5 Disciplina 615.3/9 Soggetti Blood Transfusion; 19th Century; Lamb Blood; Clinical Practice; Medical History; Medicine; Human; Animal; History of Medicine; Human-Animal Studies; History of Science; Cultural History; History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter 1 Contents 5 Prologue 9 Introduction: 'The mighty influence of strange blood' 11 1. Using the blood of others 17 2. Ambitions and connections 31 3. Blood on the battlefield 45 4. Blood for the lungs 61 5. Asylum experiments 81 6. Proofs and refutations 105 7. Transgressions 127 8. Winding up 145 Epilogue: The return 159 Notes 167 Sources and Literature 183 Acknowledgements 203 Index of Places 205 Index of Names 209 Sommario/riassunto In the mid-1870s, the experimental therapy of lamb blood transfusion spread like an epidemic across Europe and the USA. Doctors tried it as a cure for tuberculosis, pellagra and anemia; proposed it as a means to reanimate seemingly dead soldiers on the battlefield. It was a contested therapy because it meant crossing boundaries and challenging taboos. Was the transfusion of lamb blood into desperately sick humans really defensible? The book takes the reader on a journey into hospital wards and lunatic asylums, physiological laboratories and 19th century wars. It presents a fascinating story of medical knowledge, ambitions and concerns - a story that provides lessons for current debates on the morality of medical experimentation and care.

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