# "Myths, Mistakes and Misunderstandings"

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Prospective authors are encouraged to consider the following broad questions. Can we derive anything useful from our forebears that could impact on today`s health challenges? How does the medical past affect the medical present? How can we interpret historical illnesses and treatments using contemporary insights? How do 'new' practices echo past ones that were abandoned? How erroneous are our views of health care in the past?

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