

PREVALENCE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

At the end of the 18th century, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases began, because “in the suburbs, wandering whores have inflicted a bad disease on more than half a thousand sailors.” According to the instructions of the Governorate’s Medical Office, “all women without a master, but especially those with the bad disease” were written down and directed to forced treatment. “In cities, factories, workshops, army, ports, in short, every place where a crowd is together, and in the midst of that crowd many people out of marriage and without family are moving, a bad disease illness is most often acquired by sexual communing with fallen women. It must be borne in mind that the public women almost all have syphilis, may they be living in whorehouses or wandering the streets and inns.”