

# History of Medicine Terminology

## Change

When something is different from what it was before.

## Continuity

When something is the same as it was before.

## Progress

When there is positive change or improvement and things get better.

## Regression

When there is negative change and things get worse.

## Rate of change

The speed at which change takes place (eg slow, fast, rapid or stagnant).

## Turning point

A point at which significant change happens.

## Factor

An element that drives change, enables change to happen or supports continuity - for example, the Church, government, individuals, science and technology, and attitudes in society.

## Prevention

The action of trying to stop something from happening - in the case of medicine, we refer to the 'prevention of disease'.

## Treatment

An action that remedies or improves something that has happened - in the case of medicine, we refer to the treatment of symptoms.



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