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- illustrate changing cultural, political, and social aspects of medicine;
- depict health professionals and biomedical scientists who have contributed to the development of medicine, as well as health institutions such as hospitals and medical schools;
- communicate public health messages, such as in the contexts of AIDS, preventive medicine, maternal and child health, and occupational health;
- advertise health-related services;
- show and explain human anatomy, such as anatomical atlases;
- and reflect developments in health care and official responses to health crises.