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fl. c. 1097

One of the most famous physicians and teachers at Salerno, Italy, Europe's first medical school, Trotula headed the gynecology and obstetrics department and was a respected practitioner. Trotula was the earliest woman physician to write an influential medical work, *De Mulierum Passionibus* (Of the diseases of women). This book, traditionally attributed to her, may have been a later compilation of her work; it was regarded as an authoritative text in Italy up to the sixteenth century.