

HISTORY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

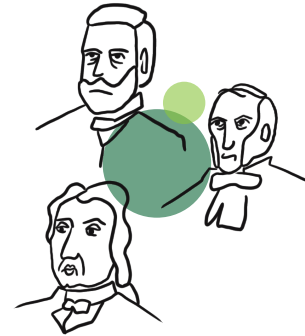
A brief overview of the evolution of public health knowledge



Originally, people believed that immoral actions caused disease



Through fleas on rats, the Bubonic Plague swept through Asia and Europe, killing over 20 million people



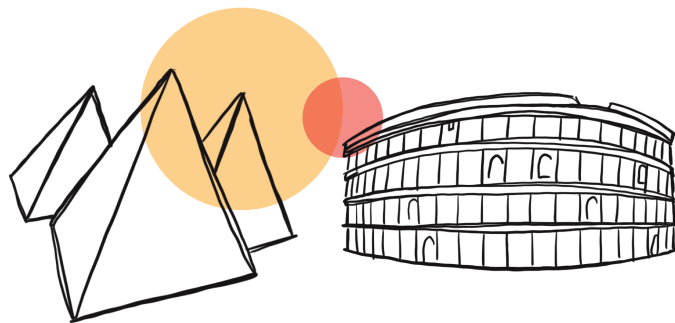
Louis Pasteur, John Snow, and Edward Jenner make advances in immunology and epidemiology



Social determinants of health, such as housing and food security, gain importance in holistic perceptions of health

ANTIQUITY - MID 1800S

The ancient Egyptians and Romans had advanced hygiene methods that helped prevent outbreaks of disease



LATE 1800S - MID 1900S

Germ theory replaces miasma theory, the belief that "bad air" causes sickness



LATE 1900S - PRESENT

Primary health care becomes more accessible and helps improve quality of life for many populations

