

Medieval Surgeon

A 15th Century barber surgeon such as this one would perform simple operations such as tooth pulling and blood letting. This surgeon is Alex Ledell who worked for King Edward IV. In 1475 he is recorded as receiving 6 pence per day wages.



Arm being bled to dispel disease



Surgeons would use leeches such as these to suck the bad blood from patients. Doctors believed bleeding could cure all sorts of diseases including the plague. Leeches were a better alternative to the bleeding knife and bowl.

Patients would be bled to the point of fainting.



Tooth being pulled