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Patient care vis-a-vis the theoretical conceptions of European
and Polish medicine in first half of the 19th century

SUMMARY

The articles discusses the development of patient care in Polish lands in the first half 19th
century seen in the context of the Enlightenment realism and the oncoming Romanticism. The
nomenclature used at that time is analyzed, and the methods and forms of patient care are
described. Mention is made of the special role of therapeutic nihilism, which, by making the
so-called instinct and intuition its main tenets, appreciated the role of patient care in treat-
ment. The author of the article makes use of little known medical publications: journals, text-
books, dictionaries, handbooks, as well as manuscripts.

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