

**Civil War Medicine**  
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U.S. Surgeon-General's Office. *The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865*. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1870–1888.

This published source contains information about Civil War medical and surgical procedures as well as case studies. You may view the volumes at the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Archives Library Information Center (College Park location). The volumes have been digitized and are available online at <http://www.archive.org> (search for "Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion").

**Additional Resources**

***Finding Aids:***

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### ***Online Resources:***

#### Civil War Photographs

*Mathew Brady Photographs of Civil War-Era Personalities and Scenes, compiled 1921–1940, documenting the period 1860–1865*, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Record Group 111, National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD. The photographs are available online through NARA's Archival Research Catalog (visit <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/> and type 524418 into the search box) and Fold3's ([www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)) "Brady Civil War Photos" database. Fold3 is a subscription-based web site, but access is free of charge from any NARA research facility.

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The Society of Civil War Surgeons <http://www.civilwarsurgeons.org/> This web site includes many articles about Civil War medicine.

### Exhibits and Museums

Chimborazo Medical Museum <http://www.nps.gov/rich/planyourvisit/index.htm>

Exhibition Program of the National Library of Medicine  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/exhibition/index.html>

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine <http://www.civilwarmed.org/>

The National Museum of Health & Medicine <http://www.medicalmuseum.mil/>

The University of Toledo Libraries’ exhibit *From Quackery to Bacteriology: The Emergence of Modern Medicine in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America*  
<http://www.utoledo.edu/library/canaday/exhibits/quackery/quack-index.html>