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Ancient Surgery in Early Modern Italy:
Celsus, Benivieni, Morgagni

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European medical professionals from the 15th through the early 19th centuries treated the De Medicina "On Medicine" by the ancient Roman encyclopediast Aulus Cornelius Celsus (fl. 30 CE) as a standard medical reference equivalent to the works of Hippocrates and Galen. Celsus' stylish Latin text with its detailed clinical and surgical instructions found wide readership over the early modern period among notable practitioners, from the Florentine surgeon Antonio Benivieni (1443-1502) to Giovanni Battista Morgagni (1682-1771), professor of anatomy at Padua. This lecture considers how Benivieni and Morgagni put Celsus' De Medicina to work in medical ethics, in identifications of syphilis, and in specific surgical interventions.