

People: Abu Ali Ibn Sina

Known in the West as Avicenna, Ibn Sina was born in Samanid Persia in 980 AD. He is known as "the father of early modern medicine".

The Canon of Medicine (القانون في الطب) was his most famous work. At the time of writing, this was a compilation of all medical knowledge. It contains references to over 800 different medicines, and provides a framework for the discovery of new medicines and drugs.

Translation of his work from Arabic into Latin facilitated the development of modern Western medicine. It was still used as a textbook until the 18th Century in parts of Europe.

