

GALEN OF PERGAMON: PORTRAIT OF AN ANCIENT SCIENTIST

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1. Life.

* born Pergamon AD 129; died Rome c. 213.

143-149: studies of philosophy (Stoicism, Platonism, Aristotelianism, Epicureanism) and medicine at Pergamon.

149-57: extensive travels and study with various prominent doctors including a long stay in Egypt.

157-162: physician of the gladiators at Pergamon.

162-166: first Roman period.

166-168: back to Pergamon; travels.

168-169: recalled to Aquileia by the Emperors Lucius Verus and Marcus [Aurelius to become court-physician

169-c.213: second Roman period.

2. Work.

For a survey of editions see e.g. Hankinson (1991) Appendix 2.

- *philosophical and methodological*: in large part lost.

- *medical* (comprising all parts of medicine: physiological, anatomy, therapy, pharmacology, pulse-lore, Hippocratic commentaries): largely preserved.

- *linguistic*: partly lost.

Cf. Galen's own extant Bio-bibliographies *On My Own Books* and *On the Order of My Books* (ed. SM II).

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