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## “The Licensing Function of Galenic Anatomical Procedures, Text and Practice”

This talk examines some ways in which Galen's anatomical demonstrations and his reports of them are an outgrowth of an existing agonistic Greek intellectual tradition. It proposes that these demonstrations were likely to have performed primarily a social function rather than a strictly medical one given, among other reasons, the therapeutic limitations of ancient Greco-Roman surgery.



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