

Milestones in Public Health History

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1. In 1854, physician John Snow identified that a London cholera outbreak was caused by what specific source?

- A) Contaminated air in the district
- B) A faulty water pump on Broad Street**
- C) The consumption of infected meat
- D) Lack of proper ventilation in hospitals

2. Which global health organization was formally established on April 7, 1948, to coordinate international health policies?

- A) The Red Cross
- B) The World Health Organization**
- C) Doctors Without Borders
- D) The International Health Council

3. Edward Jenner is historically credited with creating the first successful vaccine in 1796 for which disease?

- A) Smallpox**
- B) Polio
- C) Measles
- D) Influenza

4. The 'Great Stink' of 1858 in London led to the rapid development of what critical public health infrastructure?

- A) Mass vaccination clinics
- B) Modern sewer systems**
- C) Compulsory physical education
- D) Quarantine zones

5. Alexander Fleming discovered the first antibiotic, penicillin, in which year?

- A) 1912
- B) 1928**
- C) 1940
- D) 1955

6. What was the primary goal of the 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata, a landmark document in public health?

- A) To eradicate smallpox
- B) To establish Primary Health Care as a human right**
- C) To ban the use of tobacco globally
- D) To create a international database of genetic markers

7. During the 19th century, Ignaz Semmelweis discovered that mortality rates in maternity wards dropped significantly after medical students did what?

- A) Wore cotton masks
- B) Used sterile surgical instruments
- C) Washed their hands with chlorinated lime**
- D) Received smallpox vaccinations

8. The eradication of Smallpox was officially declared by the World Health Assembly in what year?

- A) 1965
- B) 1972
- C) 1980**
- D) 1988

9. Which American nurse founded the Henry Street Settlement in 1893, pioneering the concept of public health nursing?

- A) Florence Nightingale
- B) Lillian Wald**
- C) Clara Barton
- D) Dorothea Dix

10. The Salk vaccine, which played a major role in the reduction of polio, was declared safe and effective in what year?

- A) 1945
- B) 1955**
- C) 1962
- D) 1970