11/01  Medical Education

What is the Medical Profession?
   Privilege and responsibility: right to perform duties, restrict membership
   Now regulated by state and federal governments
   Complex education and licensing

The Colonial Profession?
   Professional status and prestige in London, but not elsewhere in England
   Massachusetts: licensing regulations in 1649
   Lack of real oversight or regulation

Colonial Education and Licensure
   No medical schools in colonies until 1765
   Apprenticeships
   European medical schools: an option for wealthy elites
   Self-education and self-profession as doctors
   Limited regulations, with major loopholes
   Professional self-improvement? Massachusetts Medical Society, 1781

Medical Education in the 1800s
   3 schools in 1800, 22 by 1830, 42 by 1850, 162 by 1906
   Proprietary schools and the profit motive
   Competition and declining standards: diploma mills
   Erosion of prestige, loss of licensing regulations
   Demoralization and failed reforms

Prospects for Change?
   German model of scientific medicine
   Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 1893