

# Rudolf Virchow

## Quotes

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Medical education does not exist to provide students with a way of making a living, but to ensure the health of the community.

~Rudolf Virchow

The physicians are the natural attorneys of the poor, and the social problems should largely be solved by them.

~Rudolf Virchow

Between animal and human medicine, there is no dividing line-nor should there be.

~Rudolf Virchow

The body is a cell state in which every cell is a citizen. Disease is merely the conflict of the citizens of the state brought about by the action of external forces.

~Rudolf Virchow

Only those who regard healing as the ultimate goal of their efforts can, therefore, be designated as physicians.

~Rudolf Virchow

It is the curse of humanity that it learns to tolerate even the most horrible situations by habituation.

~Rudolf Virchow

Body: A cell state in which every cell is a citizen.

~Rudolf Virchow

Medicine is a social science, and politics is nothing more than medicine on a grand scale.

~Rudolf Virchow

Belief begins where science leaves off and ends where science begins.

~Rudolf Virchow

Medical statistics will be our standard of measurement: we will weigh life for life and see where the dead lie thicker, among the workers or among the privileged.

~Rudolf Virchow

If popular medicine gave the people wisdom as well as knowledge, it would be the best protection for scientific and well-trained physicians.

~Rudolf Virchow

My politics were those of prophylaxis, my opponents preferred those of palliation.

~Rudolf Virchow

Brevity in writing is the best insurance for its perusal.

~Rudolf Virchow

There can be no scientific dispute with respect to faith, for science and faith exclude one another.

~Rudolf Virchow

If we would serve science, we must extend her limits, not only as far as our own knowledge is concerned, but in the estimation of others.

~Rudolf Virchow

Imprisoned quacks are always replaced by new ones.

~Rudolf Virchow

The task of science is to stake out the limits of the knowable, and to center consciousness within them.

~Rudolf Virchow

The task of science, therefore, is not to attack the objects of faith, but to

establish the limits beyond which knowledge cannot go and found a unified self-consciousness within these limits.

~Rudolf Virchow

Life itself is but the expression of a sum of phenomena, each of which follows the ordinary physical and chemical laws.

~Rudolf Virchow

As long as vitalism and spiritualism are open questions so long will the gateway of science be open to mysticism.

~Rudolf Virchow

Laws should be made, not against quacks but against superstition.

~Rudolf Virchow

Marriages are not normally made to avoid having children.

~Rudolf Virchow

Belief cannot be reckoned with in terms of science, for science and faith are mutually exclusive.

~Rudolf Virchow

Belief has no place as far as science reaches, and may be first permitted to take root where science stops.

~Rudolf Virchow

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