

“Experimentum”, ricetta, raccolta

Un percorso epistemologico

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Abstract: In the texts of scholastic medicine the term *experimentum* is applied to both recipes and practical interventions. The essay traces the pathway between recipe and *experimentum* on the basis of Aristotelian texts and their medieval commentators: the considerations of Pietro Hispano and Arnaldo da Villanova in particular deserve special attention. Finally, the author highlights the importance of writing and collecting recipes, with suggestions for a better understanding of their role.

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