

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it”

-American philosopher **George Santayana** from 'The Life of Reason : Reason in Common Sense'

Santa Barbara Hospital Museum

Mission Statement:

Our core mission, as is the mission of all study of history, is to educate ourselves to the lessons of the past, the mistakes that were made, the triumphs that were achieved, and to learn how this knowledge can be applied today and into the future.

The Santa Barbara Hospital Museum is created and dedicated to knowledge concerning the history of medicine. The museum's primary focus will be the colonial periods in the colony and later city of Saint Augustine. The museum will concentrate on the treatments, procedures and advancements that were utilized to deal with the challenges of various injuries and ailments of that period, and the men and women who played key roles in that history.