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Berne, Dagmar

(1865 - 1900)

Born	18650101, New South Wales Australia
Died	19000822, Sydney New South Wales
Occupation	Doctor

Summary

Dr Dagmar Berne was the first woman to study medicine in Australia. She gained entry to Sydney University in 1885, but was failed repeatedly by male lecturers who did not wish to see her graduate. In exasperation, she moved to London to continue her studies. Berne finally qualified as a doctor in 1893 and returned to Sydney two years later, setting up a practice in Macquarie Street. The London years took their toll on Berne, who had been forced to live in damp accommodation, subsisting on very little food. She died of tuberculosis in 1900, her thirty-fifth year.

Events

2001 - 2001
Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Book
The Complete Book of Great Australian Women: Thirty-six women who changed the course of Australia, De Vries, Susanna, 2003

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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