

Sestre milosrdnice



University Hospital

HISTORICAL REVIEW

Vinogradska Hospital is the popular name of our Hospital, which is related to its location, i.e. Vinogradska cesta 29 (Vineyard Street) in Zagreb. This popular name is widely known, in particular to patients, their families and friends. The official name of the Hospital has changed during its history, but this name has been known for 120 years now.

The present location was the third one in the Hospital history. The Hospital was founded in 1846 at the Vincent de Paul Sisters of Charity Convent in Frankopanska ulica, but moved soon (1870) to Ilica 83, where it grew into a hospital with initially 200, then 300 hospital beds, and was named National Public Hospital, in accordance with its development. The National Public Hospital had two departments, medical and surgical departments, with ever growing patient influx, requiring new premises. Therefore, in 1894, the Hospital moved to another location with eight new buildings for patients and eight for husbandry and farming activities. At the end of the 19th century, it was a modern and well organized hospital, admired by Emperor Francis Joseph during his famous visit to the Hospital in 1885. Besides the Mon-

archy and Sisters of Charity, most important was the fact that the Hospital had excellent physicians. One of the most outstanding physicians was Dr Teodor Wickerhauser, our renowned surgeon, who also was excellent teacher and whose disciples and coworkers continued developing medicine at our Hospital and in Croatia at large. In the same year of Hospital moving to the new location (1894), in collaboration with his coworker, Dr Dragutin Mašek, Dr Wickerhauser established a third department headed by Dr Mašek, which included the following specialties: otorhinolaryngology, dermatovenereology, ophthalmology and urology. Thus, development of these specialties at our Hospital and in the Croatian medicine began 120 years ago. This third department was with time divided into special departments continuing their professional, scientific and educational activities, while our Vinogradska Hospital gradually established ever new departments, in line with the overall development of medicine and health care, providing all types of health care services to the benefit of the Zagreb and Croatia population.

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Sisters of Charity Hospital in Zagreb before World War I: Hospital entrance, administrative building and old chapel. A coach is in front of the Hospital and corn stubble field across the street.