

## **A Further Research on the Spreading of the Western Medicine into the Qing Court during the Reign of Kangxi Emperor**

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### **Abstract**

During the reign of Kangxi Emperor, The influences of western medical treatment in China reached a climax, which was known as “the first phase of the introduction of western medicine to China”. The number of the European physicians and the range of the use of medicine which were brought into the Qing court by the missionaries were considerably enormous. This thesis intends to outline the landscape of the spreading of the western medicine during this period through series of demonstrations. The discussion includes two aspects:

1. Give to the origin, the storage and the using of the western medicine in the Qing court, the spreading and practice of European medicine seemed to be centralized by Kangxi Emperor himself who was transformed into an advocator from a beneficiary. Kangxi Emperor’s personal demand and powerful will influenced the spread of European medicine among the Qing court positively.
2. The European physicians often served the Emperor together with imperial physicians. Apparently, these two groups always shared the same conclusions for the condition of the Emperor, because there were lots stresses both professional and political. The distinctions between these two groups of people in ideology, diagnoses and disease treatments made it hardly possible that essential communications between the eastern and western medical systems on high levels were successfully accomplished.

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