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Healthcare and hygiene of British seaports in the context of epidemics of the 19th century

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Healthcare reforms and hygiene of British seaports are considered in the context of population migration and epidemics of the 19th century. Based on historical, genetic and institutional research methods, it is shown that British seaports became international centers of population migration and epidemics in the first half of the 19th century. This was due to increased migration, lack of legislative control, and the development of uncontrolled free trade. Medical and social reforms began in the port of Liverpool, accompanied by the introduction of a state public health system.

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