Florence Nightingale

FOUNDER OF MODERN NURSING

Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy on 12th May 1820. She grew up in a wealthy family in England and was educated at home. She was interested in science and maths and rather than becoming a wife and mother as was expected of her, she decided to become a nurse.

In 1853, the Crimean War broke out. Thousands of soldiers were sent to fight in Crimea. The British government asked Florence to lead a group of nurses to help care for the wounded soldiers.

In Crimea she noticed their hospitals were very dirty, which was causing many soldiers to die. She introduced hygiene practices like regular cleaning and hand washing. She trained nurses and made sure they had enough medical supplies too.

Her improvements to hygiene and sanitation saved many soldiers during the Crimean War. The methods she put in place in those hospitals made a big impact on healthcare and are still used today.

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