

A Disease unto Death: Sadness in the Time of Shakespeare

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The Diseases and Casualties this yeere,

A Fortive	16	Executed	13	Piles	4
Aged	862	Falling Sicknesse	10	Plague	1317
Ague	50	Feaver	1021	Plurisie and Spleene	24
Apoplex and Meagrome	26	Fistula	6	Purples and spotted Feaver	38
Blasied and Planet	8	Flocks and small Pox	40	Quinsie	8
Bleeding	2	Froech Pox	12	Rising of the lights & mocher	72
Bloody flux, scowring & flux	438	Gangrene	4	Scalded	6
Burnt	4	Gout	5	Scurvy	5
Burft and Rupture	6	Griete	20	Sores, Broken & bruised limbs	24
Cancer and Wolfe	4	Humours	29	Sore mouth and Thruh	23
Canker	4	lawfalne	16	Starved	14
Childbed	137	Impostume	77	Stilborne	423
Chriomes and Infants	2378	Kild by severall accidents	55	Suddenly	59
Collicke Stone & Strangury	57	Kings Evill	25	Surfet	167
Consumption	1910	Liver:owne	112	Swine Pox	8
Convulsion	87	Luxatique	11	Teeth	264

Looking at literary and historical evidence [Erin Sullivan](#) ([/staff/profiles/shakespeare/sullivan-erin.aspx](#)) examines the physical toll sadness was believed to take on the body in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

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