How much of a Physician was Rashīd al-Dīn?

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Rashid al-Dīn Faḍl Allāh Hamadānī (d. 718/1318) is often introduced as “ṭabīb,” or ‘physician,’ mostly to distinguish him from authors with similar names, notably the epistolographer Rashid al-Dīn Waṭwāṭ (d. 578/1182). This paper discusses Rashid al-Dīn’s scholarly persona as a physician. Starting from his epiteth, ṭabīb, the paper explores his role as a medical practitioner, patron, and author of scholarly medical treatises, arguing that Rashid al-Dīn’s name is henceforth to be included in earnest in the history of Islamic medicine.

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