



San Lazaro Hospital started in 1577 as a dispensary of the Franciscans in Intramuros, and was moved to its current location in Quiricada Street along Avenida in 1758, to serve patients with leprosy and other contagious diseases. During the recent pandemic, the more than 400-year-old Hospital served as a government facility for Covid-19 patients. Rizal volunteered as an infectious disease doctor in Barcelona and Madrid in the 1880s. In 1896, Rizal was on his way to Cuba as an army doctor to join the fight against yellow fever when he was arrested in transit.