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**CHOLERA EPIDEMICS IN THE BULGARIAN LANDS IN THE 1860S
AND 1870S AND THE MEASURES OF THE OTTOMAN AUTHORITY
TO LIMIT THEIR DISSEMINATION**

(Summary)

The article examines an insufficiently studied problem in Bulgarian historiography - the cholera epidemics in the Bulgarian-populated provinces of the Ottoman Empire in the 1860s and 1870s. The information available in the sources about the two major cholera epidemics in the Bulgarian lands from 1865–1867 and 1871–1873 is traced, locating the main epidemic outbreaks and analyzing the data on the damage caused by cholera to the health of the local population. Central to the article is the study of the problem of the nature, specifics and effectiveness of the measures taken by the Ottoman authority to limit the spread of cholera epidemics in the Bulgarian lands.