



Orthopaedics in the dawn of civilisation, practices in ancient Egypt

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Abstract:

Egypt had professional doctors as early as the old kingdom 5,000 years ago. There were also specialists in different branches of medicine. Homer (ca. 800 BC) remarked in the Odyssey: "In Egypt, the men are more skilled in medicine than any of human kind". Hippocrates, Herophilos, Erasistratus and later Galen studied at the temple of Amenhotep, and acknowledged the contribution of ancient Egyptian medicine to Greek medicine [1].

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