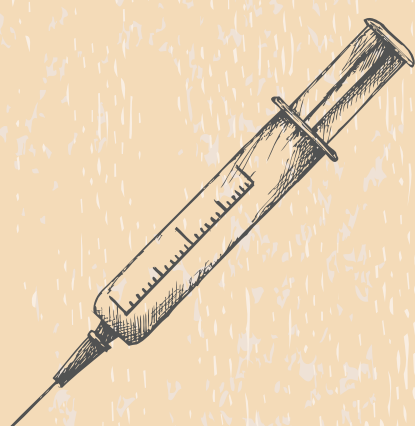


THE HISTORY OF THE *first vaccine*

1570-1050 BCE

First identified case of smallpox is found in an Egyptian mummy.



1774

Benjamin Jesty inoculates non-infected individuals with smallpox pustules to prove they could be protected from contracting the disease.

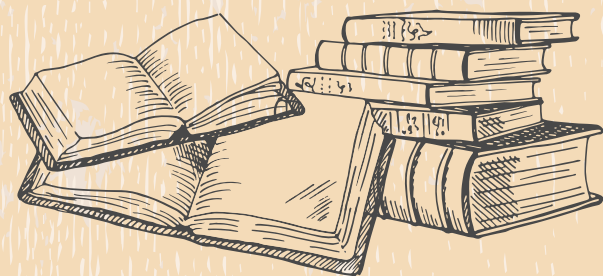
1796

Edward Jenner discovers that infection with cowpox could protect a person from smallpox infection. Jenner inoculated eight-year-old James Phipps with matter from a cowpox sore. Jenner later inoculated the boy with human smallpox matter and Phipps remained healthy.



1798

Jenner publishes his paper "An Inquiry into the Causes and Effects of the Variolae Vaccinae". In his paper Jenner coined the word vaccine from the Latin 'vacca' for cow. The paper received little attention and Jenner was even ridiculed for his claims.



1967

The WHO announces an intensified program to eradicate smallpox globally.



1978

Janet Parker is the last person to die from smallpox.

1980

The 33rd World Health Assembly officials announce that smallpox has successfully been eradicated worldwide.



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