



# Timeline Pages

History of Healthcare



# **PRIMITIVE TIMES**

**Thought illness and disease a punishment from the Gods**

**Witch doctors used herbs and plants as medicines**



# **ANCIENT EGYPTIANS**

**Physicians were priests**

**Treated illness with  
bloodletting and leeches**



# **ANCIENT CHINESE**

**Used acupuncture**

**Believed to cure the body  
you must nourish the spirit**



# **ANCIENT GREEKS**

**First to observe the human body and the effects of disease**

**Believed disease the result of natural causes**



# **ANCIENT ROMANS**

**Established the first hospitals by caring for soldiers in their homes.**

**Built sewers and aqueducts to create the first public health and sanitation systems.**



# **DARK AGES**

**Emphasis on saving the soul –  
the study of medicine was  
prohibited**

**Monks and priests treated  
patients with prayer**



# **MIDDLE AGES**

**Renewed interest in the medical practices of the Greeks and Romans**

**Bubonic plague killed 75% of the people in Europe**





# **RENAISSANCE**

**Dissection of the body led to understanding of anatomy and physiology**

**Invention of printing press allowed medical knowledge to be shared**