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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Ancient Eye Surgery



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The oldest record of eye surgery, however, dates to 4,000 years ago. The Code of Hammurabi said that the surgeon who saved a man's eye was to be paid the same fee that was given to a doctor who saved a man's life. On the other hand, if the surgeon caused the eye to be lost, the law required the surgeon's fingers to be cut off. There were lesser penalties if the patient was merely a slave.

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