

*Hello my dear  
friends.*

*Welcome to the Indian  
Medicine-Dentistry History.*

Indian medicine was based on the notion that the seven hundred vessels of the human body carried, in addition to blood, three basic principles, similar to the cardinal humors of Greek medicine. Any derangement of these

In early times, surgery was regarded as the most important branch of medicine. Later, the practice was much hampered by superstitions against it as well as against

No surgical operations were performed without paying strict attention to the system of religious rituals. First, the heavenly auspices had to be favorable. Then, the god of fire was propitiated with

The patient was given a good meal and strong wine before his operation. «The effect of the meat will be to sustain his strength... while the effect of the wine will be to make him feel the pain.» Before operations ever, the patient was dying.

Most of our  
knowledge of early  
Indian dental  
treatment comes  
from the  
Sushruta.

Sushruta  
prescribed excision  
for «fleshy  
growths of the  
gum and

Cautery was often the preferred remedy, especially in diseases of the mouth. The surgeon used a specially designed iron, whose flattened ovoid end was heated red hot. Hot fluids might also be used—honey, oil, or

Fractures of the jaws were treated by complicated bandaging. Both medical and religious beliefs have done much to focus the attention of Indian upon his teeth. The Hindus consider the mouth



The Brahmins, or priests, rub their  
teeth for about an hour while facing  
the rising sun, reciting their prayers  
and invoking heaven's blessing on  
themselves and their families.  
This practice will help  
to clean their  
mouth, for  
it is said that

The daily ritual is not confined to brushing the teeth. After the regular ablutions and evacuation, the tongue is scraped with a specially designed instrument and the body is anointed with aromatic oil. Finally, the mouth is rinsed with concoctions of betel leaves, camphor, and cardamom, or other herbs. More than two millenniums

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