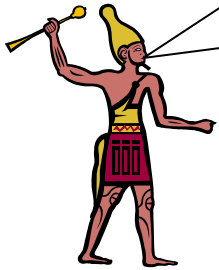


WHAT CHANGED AND WHAT STAYED THE SAME IN EGYPTIAN MEDICINE?



Read the following statements about medical treatments and ideas in Ancient Egypt. Decide which are examples of continuity and which are examples of change. Draw up two columns into your exercise books and write each statement into what you think is the correct column.

- Removal of minor tumours near the surface of the skin
- Eating certain foods was good for you
- Diseases of the eye and bladder could be treated
- Medical ideas and treatments were written down
- Spells and chants were often said
- Lucky charms were worn to protect against evil spirits
- Medicines were made from plants and herbs
- Personal hygiene was encouraged
- Certain illnesses had names and could be diagnosed
- Broken noses could be treated
- Animals such as mice were used as medicines
- There were temples of healing
- Gods could bring and take away illness
- There was a God of healing called Imphotep
- Knew where to feel the pulse
- Illness is caused by blockages in the channels of the body
- Embalming taught good basic anatomy
- Some insects carry disease
- Malachite could prevent eye infections
- Trading with other countries brought back new medical ideas and treatments

Key words to help you

Continuity = when things stay the same
Change = when things are different
Progress = when things get better



Extension Question

Out of all your examples of change, explain
Which ones are also examples of progress

