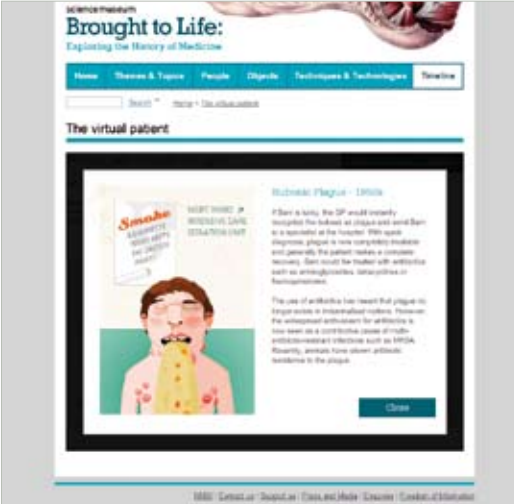


Trepanning is believed to be one of the oldest operations performed on humans. Neolithic excavations and findings have shown trepan marks (sometimes remarkably extensive) on skulls, apparently performed with a sharp stone instrument. Instruments made between the 1500s and 1700s are often quite decorated and function like a hand-drill to cut into the skull bone.

Usage
Uses of trepanning included the treatment of skull injury and mostly as a remedy against epilepsy, fits, recurring head pain and even insanity.

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The virtual patient

Shingles
A common viral infection that causes a painful rash.

Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis
A rare heart infection that can lead to serious complications.

Rubella (German Measles)
A common viral infection that can cause a rash and fever.

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We don't know about you, but we've always had a soft spot for the cool, slightly weird place that is the Science Museum, so when they asked us to produce some interactive flash pieces for their lovely new medical website we were more than slightly happy to say yes. After humbly offering to do a couple of pieces, they asked if we'd mind doing three. Fortunately we didn't mind at all and started drawing.

So, if you don't know much about epidemiology, or what saw you can use to hack off someone's leg or even how much pus can burst out of a lanced buboe, now's your chance to find out.

The three interactive topics we created for the Science Museum are:

- Practising Medicine: virtual patient
- Public Health: tracking down
- Surgery: right tool