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The National Library of Medicine is proud to announce its next online Turning the Pages project featuring the Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus, the oldest surviving surgical text: <a href="http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/flash/smith/smith.html">http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/flash/smith/smith.html</a>.



The Smith Papyrus was written in Egyptian hieratic script around the seventeenth century BCE but probably based on material from a thousand years earlier. This collaborative online representation features an important new translation by James P. Allen, formerly of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and high-resolution scans lent by the scroll's owner, the New York Academy of Medicine. Curatorial text was written by Michael North of the National Library of Medicine ■ ■



