

TOP TEN SIMPLE MEDICAL INVENTIONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.



APGAR SCALE

A simple scale to evaluate the condition of newborns, invented by Dr. Virginia Apgar in 1952, has saved thousands of babies from malnourishment.

BANDAGES

Bandages have been in use since prehistoric times, starting with plant materials and strips of animal hide. Lives saved: millions.



EYEGASSES

An Italian monk came up with the simple idea of mounting two lenses on the bridge of the nose with a piece of bone. Year: 1285.

ANESTHESIA

In 1846, the observation that inhaling sulphuric ether caused unconsciousness led to the first surgery under anesthesia.



THE BLOOD BANK

Invented by Dr. Charles Richard Drew in 1940, it saved uncounted lives during World War II.

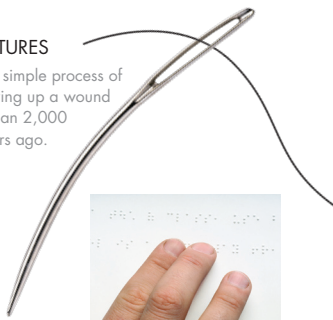


SPLINT

No one knows when a stick was first used to immobilize a limb to aid healing, but millions are grateful for it.

SUTURES

The simple process of sewing up a wound began 2,000 years ago.



BRAILLE

The system of raised dots read with the fingers was invented by Frenchman Louis Braille in the early 1800s.

STETHOSCOPE

A hollow tube to magnify chest sounds was invented 1817. It hasn't changed much since.



CPR

Press on the chest to keep heart beating, blow air into the lungs. Hundreds of thousands are alive today thanks to this simple technique.

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