

The Hospital

Nobody wants to be sick. Nobody wants to be injured. But sometimes it happens anyway, and you have to go to the hospital. Everyone working in the hospital is there to help you. The doctors try to identify what is wrong with you and how to fix it. The nurses care for you while you are there. A surgeon may try to repair your body. There is a lot of complex technology and modern equipment in a hospital, but the most common tools are often those that were invented hundreds or thousands of years ago. The first medical thermometer was created in 1867. Stethoscopes were invented in 1816. Syringes were used in medicine almost 2,000 years ago, but the oldest are the tools of the surgeons – the oldest knives found that were used for surgery are more than 10,000 years old.

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