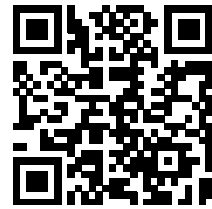


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Healthcare in Early Colonial America



In the early days of colonial _____, the practice of medicine was a blend of traditional European methods, Native American remedies, and _____ solutions. Physicians were scarce, and formal medical education was almost non-existent. People often relied on _____ healers, midwives, and their own knowledge to treat illnesses. Herbs, plants, and _____ played significant roles in these treatments. One common practice was the use of _____ for bloodletting, believed to balance the body's humors. Surgeries, when performed, were rudimentary and _____, lacking the anesthesia we know today. Infections were common, and mortality rates for _____ were high. Another significant aspect was the use of _____ to prevent the spread of diseases, showing an early understanding of disease _____. The smallpox vaccine, introduced during this time, was a groundbreaking _____, showcasing the beginnings of immunization. Despite the harsh conditions and limited _____, these early medical practices laid the groundwork for modern medicine. The _____ of knowledge between different cultures contributed to the development of new treatments and _____. This period highlighted the resilience and innovation of early American settlers and the Native American _____ in the face of illness and disease.

- quarantines
- medicines
- knowledge
- leeches
- local
- surgeries
- interchange
- homegrown
- communities
- transmission
- America
- development
- painful
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