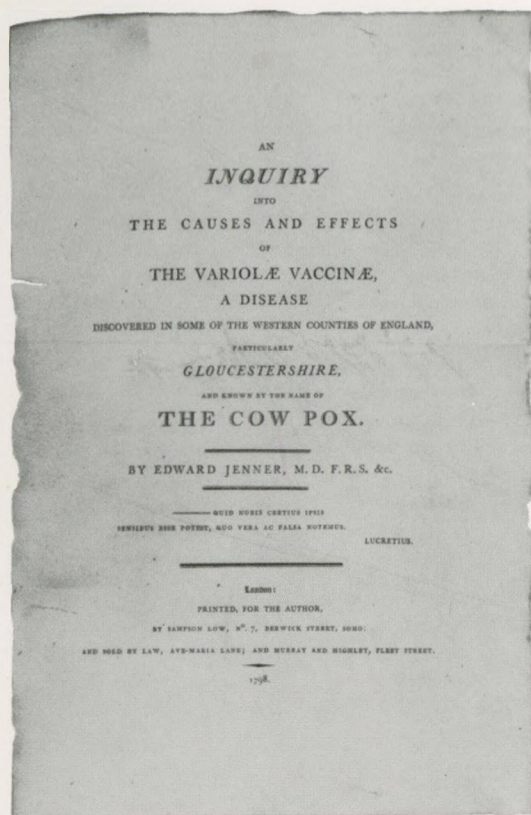
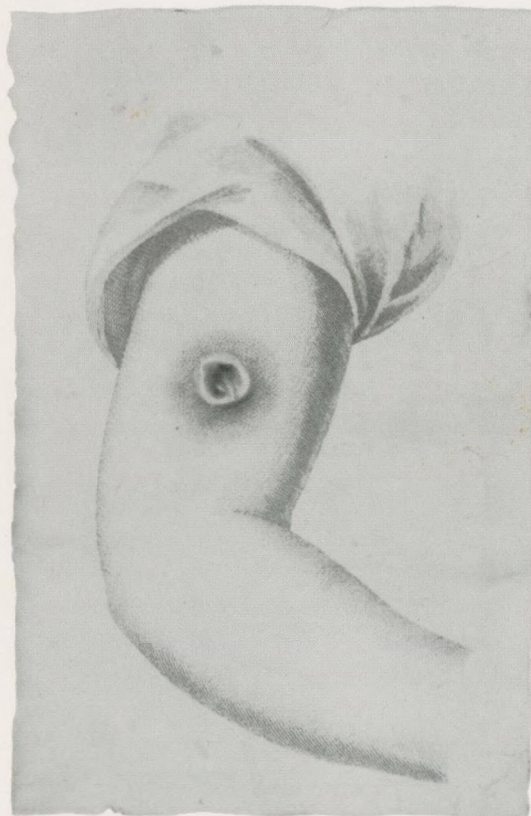




Classics in Medical Science: Edward Jenner



In 1796, an English physician performed his first inoculation with cowpox on an eight-year-old boy. By 1798, he had accumulated sufficient data to make a report. The Royal Society refused permission, saying, "He ought not to risk his reputation by presenting to the learned body anything which appeared so much at variance with established knowledge, and withal so incredible."¹ Nevertheless, Jenner did publish his *Inquiry*, one of the most significant works in the entire realm of medical literature. In due time, Jenner received worldwide recognition, and the concept of vaccination which he introduced revolutionized public health.

This copy of the first edition is in the Lilly Library at Indiana University.

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