
Development and application of endoscopy

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Abstrak

Man's innate curiosity to study the internal organs of the human body dates back to the time of Hippocrates where basic speculums were invented to peer into the buccal cavity and vagina. The tirst instruments used to intubate the esophagus and stomach in the 16th and 17th centuries, were designed for the purpose of extracting foreign bodies stuck in the esophagus or pushing them down into the stomach.