



The Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus

■ The ancient text is a treatise on trauma surgery and consists of 48 cases dealing with wounds and trauma. Each case is laid out using a carefully prescribed formula: a description of the injury; diagnosis; prognosis; treatment; and further explanations of the case, which resemble footnotes.

■ The website also includes a gallery of high resolution images of the papyrus itself which scholars and the public can view more closely:

http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/smith_home.html.

■ To view other Turning the Pages projects, visit the main webpage: <http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/books.htm>.

