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abstract

The Pulse : revived in Asia

Why the Pulse?

Blood flows through the body. The character and the force of the pulse give us a feeling of the pressure and the blood flow. Mahomed described this better than anyone in 1872 as "The pulse ranks first among our guides: no surgeon can despite its counsel no physician shut his ears to its appeal. Since then the information the pulse affords is of so great importance, and so often consulted, surely it must be to our advantage to appreciate fully all it tells us, and draw from it all that it is capable of imparting".

Why Asia?

Asia has contributed so much in the past to interpretation of the pulse. The Asians are probably the first to recognize the pulse around 2500 BC. This is a major part of oriental traditional medicine and Indian medicine. In addition, the modern clinical application of pulse wave analysis stemmed from the work of Frederick Mahomed, of Indian descent through use of the sphygmogram, in 1872.

The Pulse :

"The Pulse" implies inside knowledge. A person with "his finger on the pulse" is wiser than one who does not. Now it is revived in Asia in 2009 through the Pulse of Asia (www.pulseasia.org).



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