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**Milestones in the History of Vaccination**

- **400 BCE** Hippocrates describes diphtheria, epidemic jaundice, and other conditions
- **1100s** Variolation for smallpox first reported in China
- **1721** Variolation introduced into Great Britain
- **1796** Edward Jenner inoculates James Phipps with cowpox, and calls the procedure vaccination ("vacca" is Latin for cow)