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Unit 4 Option A: Medicine Through Time (Short Course)

Sources Booklet

Sources A to C for use in answering Question 1

Source A

An operation in the late eighteenth century

This cartoon shows an amputation. It was drawn in 1793.



Source B

A painting of the great German surgeon, Theodor Billroth performing an operation. It was painted in 1890.

Theodor Billroth (1829-1894) was Professor of Surgery in Vienna from 1867. He was described at the time as 'one of Europe's best and most trusted surgeons'. He developed many new surgical procedures. This painting recognises the importance Billroth gave to the training of surgeons.



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Source C**A painting of a heart operation in Britain in 1991**

Surgery on the heart began in 1897 when Professor Ludwig Rehn sewed up a wound to the heart of a man in Germany. The first heart transplant took place in South Africa in 1967. In 2007 there were 2210 successful heart transplants in the USA alone.

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