Ancient Babylonian Medicine: Theory and Practice
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**DESCRIPTION**

Utilizing a great variety of previously unknown cuneiform tablets, *Ancient Babylonian Medicine: Theory and Practice* examines the way medicine was practiced by various Babylonian professionals of the 2nd and 1st millennium B.C.

- Represents the first overview of Babylonian medicine utilizing cuneiform sources, including archives of court letters, medical recipes, and commentaries written by ancient scholars

- Attempts to reconcile the ways in which medicine and magic were related

- Assigns authorship to various types of medical literature that were previously considered anonymous

- Rejects the approach of other scholars that have attempted to apply modern diagnostic methods to ancient illnesses

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