

## **EDWARD JENNER**

Edward Jenner was an English physician that discovered vaccination for the prevention of smallpox near the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. During that time smallpox was very prevalent and killed many people. Jenner noticed that milkmaids, after getting another disease called cowpox, did not catch smallpox. It was because of this observation that Jenner found that inoculation with material from lesions of cowpox could protect a person from smallpox. In fact, the word *vaccination* comes from the Latin word *vacca* for cow.

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