EDWARD JENNER
English, (1749-1823)
Father of Immunology

“The joy I felt as the prospect before me of being the instrument destined to take away from the world one of its greatest calamities (smallpox) was so excessive that I found myself in a kind of rapture.”

Edward Jenner was an English physician and scientist who is famous for his discovery of smallpox vaccine. This was the first successful vaccine ever to be developed and remains the only effective preventive treatment for the fatal smallpox disease.

Jenner worked in a rural society where most of his patients were farmers or worked on farms with cattle. In the 18th century smallpox was considered to be the most deadly and persistent human pathogenic disease. His discovery was an enormous medical breakthrough and has saved countless lives.

Location in hospital: Main level, radiology hallway