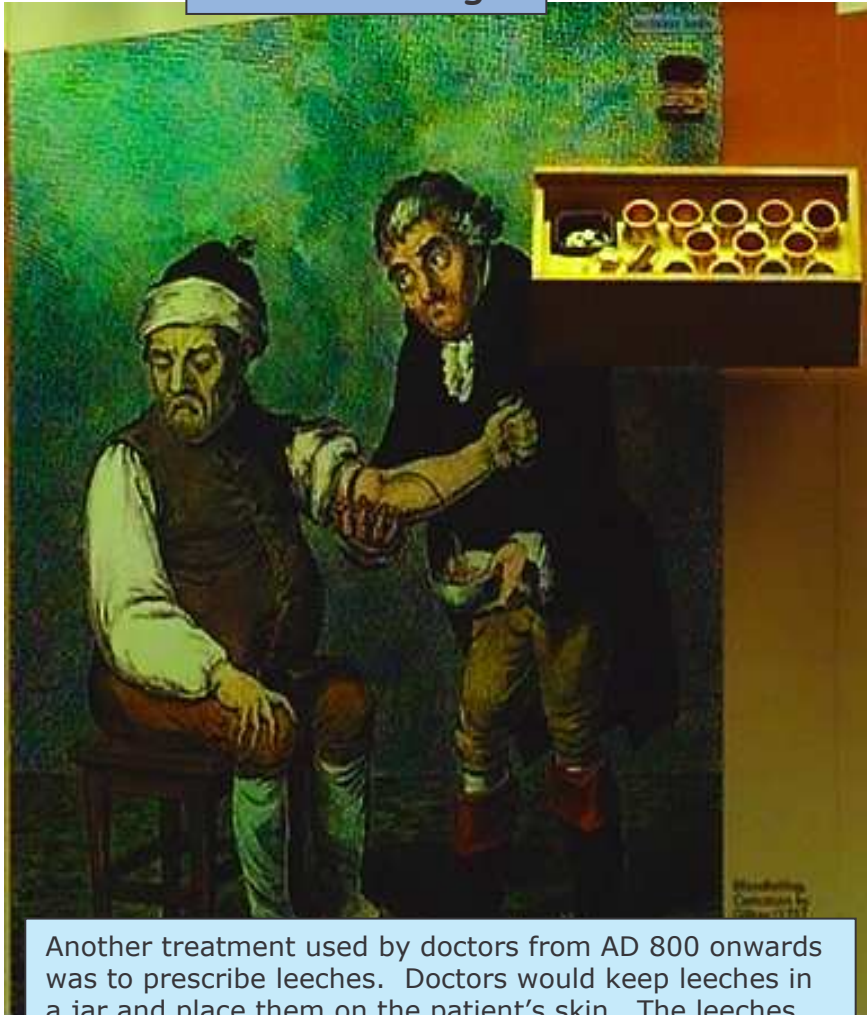


Bloodletting



Another treatment used by doctors from AD 800 onwards was to prescribe leeches. Doctors would keep leeches in a jar and place them on the patient's skin. The leeches would then bite and suck the patient's blood. It was believed that the reason why a patient was sick was because he or she had too much blood!

Study the source

- What do you think is happening in the picture?
- Why do you think the person on the left is holding a cup to drain the patient's blood?
- What does this tell us about people's beliefs at this time?
- Can you think of any dangers in using this kind of treatment?



Examine the object in the slide. (Look at the display)

What do you think it is?
Describe it.