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## Warsaw Mummy Project- Did Cancer Exist in the Ancient World?



This interdisciplinary science project, launched in Affidea Polska's Otwock Centre, explores the secrets of the unopened sarcophagus of an ancient Egyptian mummy and 41 other artefacts and has captured the imagination of thousands across time TV coverage in Poland and even been featured on the BBC news website, sees teams of scientists working with modern diagnostics and investigative techniques, such as CT and fingerprinting , to discover some of the health secrets of the ancient leaders.

The first stage of the project saw the mummy undergoing a CT scan at Affidea Otwock's state-of-the-art center, which allowed scientists to discover a degenerative spinal conditions previously undetected in smaller studies, without putting its conservation status at risk.

"The Warsaw Mummy Project is absolutely unique. It perfectly fits the interdisciplinary trends of research of works of art and, at the same time , the mission and research strategy of the National Museum in Warsaw." commented Dorota Ignatowicz-Wozniakowska, Head of the Conversation Department at the National Museum in Warsaw.

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