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## EXAMINATION

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<sup>a</sup> The demonstrative was at first omitted by the scribe and afterward inserted.

*Translation*

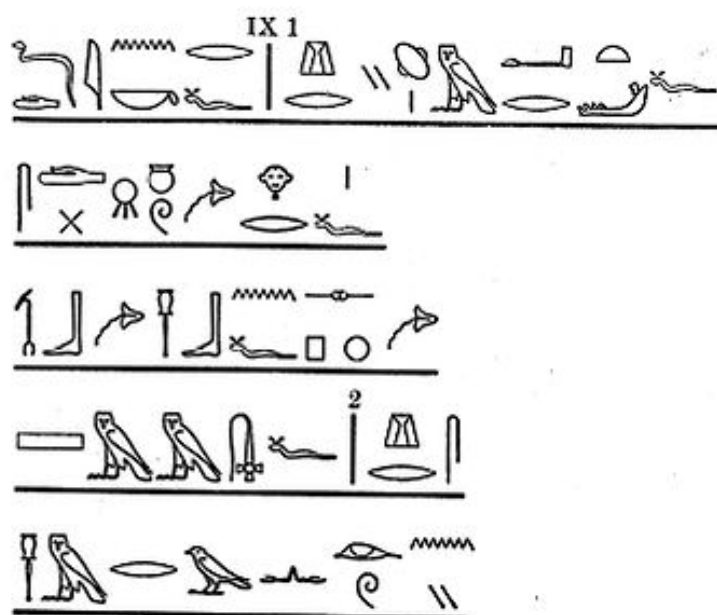
If thou examinest a man having a fracture in his mandible, thou shouldst place thy hand upon it. Shouldst thou find that fracture crepitating under thy fingers, (conclusion follows in diagnosis).

*Commentary*

The surgical meaning of *nḥbḥb*, "crepitate," lit. "break open," "break through" will be found discussed in Case 13 (VI 4-5).

## DIAGNOSIS

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*Translation*

Thou shouldst say concerning him : "One having a fracture in his mandible, over which a wound has been inflicted, ⲓ. . . ⲓ (and) he has fever from it. An ailment not to be treated."