

Nofret

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Figure 1. Nofret at Kulturhistorisk Museum Oslo

Country: Egypt

Site: Akhmin

Time Period: Ptolemaic Period

Dynasty: Unknown

Date: 323 BC – 333 BC

Sex: Female

Age: 40 – 55 years old

Background:

The mummy of Nofret was opened, the bandages were cut, and the body was revealed from the throat to the knees by the Royal Fredrik's University in 1889. The mummy was extensively studied and eventually put back into its coffin.

The embalmed body of the mummy, consisting of bone and muscle tissue, was well preserved. Along the knees and the thighs, there were large pieces of vertical shroud in good condition but could not be left hanging unattached. The mummy underwent a conservation process in 2003. This was because when the mummy was opened in 1889, the bandages were cut. Several layers of bandages were falling off the side of the mummy and at surfaces where the incisions were made, the material was brittle and disintegrated when touched.

Pathological Features:

There were no signs of malnutrition on the skeleton and there were no significant signs of wear. She also had many well-preserved teeth, which suggests that she came from a higher stratum of society. This is supported by the costly advanced embalming technique used: the brain was removed, the fingers and toes were carefully and individually wrapped, and a large amount of resin was used. The brain was removed by an incision made through the skull via the left nostril.

Resources

Museum of Cultural History (n.d.). Conservation of the mummy from mummy <<Nofret>>. <https://www.khm.uio.no/english/visit-us/historical-museum/exhibitions-archive/the-mummy-lives/conservation-of-the-mummy-from-mummy-nofret/>

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