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The Poku Saeruo Degonjo have extensive knowledge in the healing arts. They balance their medical practices against their cultural and theological views.

They have an in-depth knowledge of biology, botany, chemistry, and genetics. Their genome was decoded long before they took to the stars. The clan is proficient in surgical techniques, organ transplants, even limb reattachment techniques.

The policy for treatment and care is governed by the Clan's Wapointe Jyaon (Healing Rules).

Radiant Medicine

The Hidden Sun Clan learned how to detect the actual dynamic energy or life force in living things. They call this energy *mygouos*, which literally translates to 'energy of life'. This discovery was actually not part of medical research, but theological research. The discovery led to more academic medical research, and a new series of diagnostic tools was developed.

After scientists learned to identify the various energy emissions that life forms emit, they then investigated creating energy forms that had a controllable effect on the body. The methods of affecting a body with radiated energy forms are typically reserved for medically-trained personnel.

See more details on Wapointe Gean'te (Radiant Healing).

Occupations

Occupations involved in healing include the Wapoin'aka (Doctor), the Wapoin'asa (Nurse), and the Wapoin'a (Tender).

Transplant Medicine

The Poku Saeruo Degonjo has long practiced organ and limb replacement to restore their members to fully productive lives. Before their science was able to grow replacement limbs using the patient's own genetic information, limb and organ donors were used.

Transplants are produced using Vanate Gyparo (Transplant Grower).

Status of Cloning

Due to religious beliefs about reincarnation, the Clan bans all cloning of living, sentient individuals; only tissues and organs may be cloned.

Despite this historical ban, there was one prominent exception made in Clan history. Some clones of Qaktoro were created during the Niumte (Weakening).

"Some two hundred or so years ago, the Tanoi lifted the ban on cloning. This was because of the Weakening. Between death and infirmity, we lost 20% of our people. So we created new Qaktoro, but they were not citizens. The were not property, but were what we call Râyjo Vonai or Bound People. As such they were cared for and protected. With time those that wished were permitted to undergo the Baqnor and become citizens. Others chose to remain as they were." ~Tesgi Toioky, Ambassador to Yamatai

Cybernetic Medicine

Cybernetic medicine sees limited use in Poku Saeruo Degonjo technology and culture. The only commonly acceptable implant is the *Iginâ Yoqa (Neural Link)*. The Clan does use small implants to treat auditory or visual issues, when such devices will treat a condition. Lab-grown replacements of living tissue are almost always preferred over cybernetics.

Minor temporary implants such as stents are seen as temporary measures until a more permanent treatment can be arranged.

Major cybernetics such as artificial limbs, while technically feasible, are generally perceived as inferior to the natural body. The very religious may see major cybernetics as abominable to Siamaka. While the Clan can manufacture such cybernetics, currently there is no real market as few members would ever consent to using them for cultural reasons.

Drugs

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