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Before Apollo's health-giving son was transferred to the constellations as Ophiuchus ("serpent-bearer"), he had swum from his Epidaurian pilgrimage temple to Rome in the shape of a serpent bringing blessings. The reptile writhing up his staff in spiral coils has remained the most striking symbol of medicine to this day. Epidauros, c. 350 BC.

Bronze version, height with pedestal 23 cm.

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