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NEUROLOGICAL STAMP

Antonio Grossich (1849–1926)

Grossich studied medicine in Vienna, graduating in 1875. He went to Fiume and became Chief of the Surgery Division at the City Hospital. Grossich was among the first to use sterilisation of the operative field and in 1908 introduced tincture of iodine for rapid sterilisation of the human skin.

Fiume, formerly a port of Hungary was claimed by Yugoslavia and Italy after the first world war. Yugoslavia recognised Italy's claim and the city was annexed in January 1924. Fiume was named Rijeka after the second world war. It is now a port city.

Grossich is known more as a patriot and humanitarian than a surgeon. He was honoured philatelically by Fiume in 1919 on a semi-postal stamp (Stanley Gibbons 122, Scott B16).

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