

Memory



ÓFRZv, evj ôZv Ges fvej žvkb`Zv, Zwi
 vkvi Z Rxebteva Avgv`i AvKá Kti |
 vbfg@ vbi tcj|Zv cÓUf vte Kfvvi Kti |
 cÓU aštmi gyl,mešviki gylvgyl `woqI
 vZvb AvePj, cKZ U`wRK vktí i tMŠi e-
 ZvB †Zv vZvb U`vRvWi mšv|

gZ`y gvSI cKvknxb-
 RM xktíi Pig g`h j kw`i Avf e`w` -
 Zwi gnvčq`vY-
 Rxeftbi vbi včEv, cvkvcwk KZ`teva
 KgšvM- enEi mgwRK Kj `vY
 †ctq`Q Rxeftb mnve `vb|Ó

Professor Emiratus Nabi Alam Khan (1939-2006)

Born in 1939 in an aristocratic family, he completed MBBS from Rajshahi Medical College in 1964 and obtained FCPS (Surgery) in 1971. Later he went to UK for higher studies and obtained FRCS. He was nominated a member of British Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons. In 1986 he was elected member of Asian Society of Cardiovascular and thoracic Surgeons. In 1991 he became a member of IACTS and in 1993 he earned FACS.



This famous surgeon is one of the founders of Cardiovascular and thoracic surgery in Bangladesh. He Passed away on 27 September 2006 (Innalillah.....). We pray for his departed soul.

World's First Heart Operation

Dr. Ludwig Rehn, a surgeon in Frankfurt, Germany, performed what is considered to be the first successful heart operation. On September 07 1896, a 22-year-old man was stabbed in the heart and collapsed. By September 09, his condition was worsening, Dr. Rehn decided to operate and entered the chest through the left fourth intercostal space. There was continuous bleeding from a hole in the pericardium. The heart was exposed, old blood and clots were emptied, a 1.5 cm gaping right ventricular wound was noted. Rehn controlled bleeding with finger pressure. He used a small intestinal needle and silk suture. The suture was tied in diastole. Bleeding diminished remarkably with the third suture, all bleeding was controlled. This was first ever a suture by a surgeon on living human heart. It proved the feasibility of cardiac suture repair without a doubt !

Ten years after Rehn's initial repair, he had accumulated a series of 124 cases with a mortality of only 60%, quite a feat at that time.

The son of a physician, Ludwig Wilhelm Carl Rehn was born on April 13, 1849, at allendorf an der Werra, Germany. He studied medicine at Marburg, where he received his doctorate in 1875. Following his assistant period at the Burgerspital in Frankfurt am Main, he settled practice in Griesheim am Main, and later in Rodelhjeim. He then went to Frankfurt, where he practiced surgery and with the gynaecologist C. Stahl opened a small private clinic. In 1886 he took over the surgical department of the Stadtisches Krankenhaus, a position that enabled him to broaden the scope of his work considerably.

In 1880 he performed first thyroidectomy for goitre, He was also first to describe bladder cancer in aniline workers, and he introduced the operation for rectal prolapse. But he will be remembered for his legendary effort on September 09, 1896, the first successful suture of the heart. He died on May 29, 1930, at Frankfurt am Main.

Notable Names



Dr. Ludwig Rehn, a surgeon from Frankfurt, Germany, who performed the first successful suture on a human heart .

Answers :

- (1) Down's Syndrome (2) Minnesota, USA (3) France (4) Dr. Akhter Ali Rama in 1997 (5) AIIMS, New Delhi, India in 1994.