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fl. c. 1300-c. 1310

Italian physician and pioneer in forensic pathology. In Bologna in 1302, Varignana performed the first medico-legal autopsy—that is, an autopsy conducted for the purpose of obtaining information regarding a crime. He was later appointed to the faculty of the University of Perugia after the latter was founded in 1308.