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fl. 857-884

Italian scholar whose writings are a principal source regarding medical treatments administered in medieval monasteries. Bertharius, who served as abbot at the renowned monastic center in Monte Cassino, wrote two treatises, *De innumeris remediorum utilitatibus* and *De innumeris morbis,* both concerning monastic medicine. Killed during an Arab invasion of the Italian peninsula in 856, he was later canonized.