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fl. second century A.D.

Indian doctor who reportedly served as court physician for Kanishka (r. c. 78-103), or at least for the ruling Kushan dynasty. A student of the Hindu medical system known as Ayurveda, Charaka is said to have mentioned some 500 drugs in the *Charaka Samhita,* a well known treatise on medicine.