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American geneticist whose pioneering research helped decipher the complex genetics of the immune system. His work in defining the genes that determine whether a body accepts or rejects organs paved the way for modern transplants. Snell was co-recipient of the 1980 Nobel Prize for Medicine, along with Baruj Benacerraf and Jean Dausset, for discoveries in genetics and immunological reactions.