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c. 1550-c. 1620

French chemist credited with first mentioning acetone and producing ammonium sulfide. Beguin revealed many mysteries of iatrochemistry through public lectures on the preparation of chemical remedies, and his *Tyrocinium chymicum* (1610) focused on chemical operations for producing safe medicines. Originally published to obviate the need for dictating lectures to his students, the *Tyrocinium* was very popular and issued in many editions, remaining the authoritative chemical text until 1695, when Nicolas Lémery's *Cours de chymie* appeared.