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1634-1693

German physician who is thought to be the first to successfully inject a medicinal compound into the vein of a human subject (1662). His book *Chirurgia infusoria* was concerned with the subject of infusory surgery, which are procedures in which a solution is directly injected into the veins. Major practiced medicine in Wittenberg as well as Hamburg, Germany; he was appointed professor of medicine at Kiel, Germany, in 1665, where he also planted a botanical garden.