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1789-1858

English physician and anatomist who described the form of chronic nephritis now known as Bright's disease. Bright made major contributions to the study of morbid anatomy of the living patient. His studies of the retention of urea in the body fluids of patients with kidney failure helped to demonstrate the value of biochemical studies of disease. His studies of various brain and abdominal disorders were also of great value in clinical medicine.