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1857-1911

German bacteriologist who first isolated the *E. coli* bacteria. Escherich first discovered the bacteria *Bacterium coli* (later renamed *Escherichia coli* in his honor) in the intestinal tract of humans and animals. While the benign form of the bacterium is used in the digestive process, harmful strains of *E. coli* can contaminate beef, fruit juice, and other foods, causing severe food poisoning symptoms. Escherich was also a pioneering pediatrician who worked to improve child care, especially infant hygiene and nutrition.