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1798-1866

English physician and scholar who first described the lymphatic disease that bears his name. In January 1832 Hodgkin cited several cases of a disease that affected the lymph system in his paper "On the Morbid Appearances of the Absorbent Glands and Spleen." The disease, a malignant growth of cells in the lymph system, was thereafter referred to as Hodgkin's disease. After his paper was published, it was determined that some of the cases Hodgkin described were not Hodgkin's disease but instead other lymphatic disorders with similar characteristics. These disorders are now called non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.