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Ludwig Rehn (1849–1919), a surgeon of Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, in 1895, published a report on the occurrence of papilloma and carcinoma of the bladder in workers engaged in the manufacture of fuchsin (Blasengeschwülste bei Fuchsin-Arbeitern. Arch. Klin. Chir., 50: 588–600, 1895). The “aniline tumors” were the result of occupational exposures to an environment, the coal tar industry, presenting carcinogenic hazards. This finding was soon confirmed in other German sources and in sources from other countries (O. Leichtenstern, Ueber Harnblasenentzündung und Harnblasengeschwülst bei Arbeitern in Farbbriken. Deut. Med. Wochschr., 74: 709–713, 1898).


The photograph of Rehn (left) is taken from a Festschrift presented to him on the occasion of his 25th Jubilee as Director of the Surgical Clinic at Frankfurt-am-Main, appearing in Beitr. Klin. Chir., 74: 1911 (frontispiece).

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