

## ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS

### The Pirogov Medallion by Fedorova



In 1992 the Wood Library-Museum published Dr. Raymond Fink's French-to-English translation of *Researches, Practical and Physiological on Etherization*, the 1847 classic by Nikolai Ivanovich Pirogov (1810–1881). One of Europe's first surgeons to use ether anesthesia, Pirogov was featured on the obverse (*left*) of a medal designed in 1979 by Soviet sculptor and medalist G. A. Fedorova. On the reverse face, a cross and crescent may reflect his later work for the Russian Red Cross during the 1870 Franco-Prussian War and as a surgeon in the 1877 Russo-Turkish War. The scroll translates to: "For your services in the fields of humanitarian activities." Markings beneath the scroll include: "MMD 79" (Moscow Mint, 1979) and also "№ 2319" of a reported 3,000 minted out of Tombac, a 9:1 alloy of copper to zinc. One year later, the MMD minted at least 223 more Tombac medallions—the Bronze Medals for the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image also appears in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at [www.anesthesiology.org](http://www.anesthesiology.org).)

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