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## **Podilsky Doctors Society – One of the First Scientific Medical Societies on the Territory of Ukraine**

The activities of medical societies that emerged in the middle of the nineteenth century in the large university cities of the Russian Empire, are sufficiently covered in many writings of historians of medicine, not to mention the societies of physicians of peripheral cities, namely the Society of Podillian Doctors, which played a large role in the development of the medi- the western part of the empire.

According to the charter, the Society took care of monitoring the development of medical sciences and putting their achievements into practice, studying and improving the sanitary and hygienic condition of the Podilskyi province, creating a professional library and medical museum, providing financial assistance to doctors who have lost their lives health with deterioration of health, publishing activities for the publication of scientific and popular works. Taking care of the public good, the members of the Society adopted a program of medical and topographic surveillance in the region.

The main printed organ of the Society were the annuals of scientific works „Materials to the Topography and Medical Statistics of Podillya“, 5 volumes of which were published in Polish in Warsaw in 1860—1865. These editions present articles, intelligence and reports, documents on the history of the region’s medicine, about the struggle of local doctors from the Middle Ages with the plague, cholera, tuberculosis, about the everyday conditions of poverty at different times, etc.

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## **Stepan Rudansky – the Great Poet, Doctor and Humanist**

The article deals with the life and creative journey of the famous poet, doctor and humanist Stepan Rudansky, who became the first full-time doctor of Yalta county, founder of Yalta city hospital, medical library and started a spa business in Crimea.

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