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Presents:

The beginning and development of radiology in Germany

No other discovery of modern times has changed medicine as drastically as the discovery of X-rays. In 1896 more than 1000 scientific papers on the newly discovered rays were written. X-ray science became empiricism. X-ray doctors first had to learn to read their radiographs correctly and to interpret them medically. Diagnostic findings could only be verified by operations or autopsies. The knowledge gained in this way was used retrospectively to confirm or reject the evaluation of the radiograph

In January 1897, Gräfe & Sillem, Hamburg, published the first German journal for this still young field of study. It was published "Fortschritte auf dem Gebiet der Röntgenstrahlen". The editors were Heinrich Albers--Schönberg and Georg Deycke. Albers- Schönberg (1865-1921) had established himself as a general practitioner in 185. After the discovery of X-rays, he founded an X-ray institute together with Deycke in Hamburg. Albert Schönberg was one of the initiators of the founding of a national scientific society. The German Roentgen Society was founded in 1905. The first congress took place in Berlin.

Albers-Schönberg became its second president in 1907. In 1914 he became senior physician for radiology at the St. Georg Hospital in Hamburg, in 1919 first professor for radiology in Hamburg.