

Belskie's 1971 Medallion of John Snow



The chloroformist to Queen Victoria for the 1853 and 1857 childbirths of, respectively, Prince Leopold and Princess Beatrice, Dr. John Snow (1813–1858) is widely celebrated as the “Father of Epidemiology.” Snow’s research helped London combat the waves of cholera which swept the city (*right*). Sadly, a brain hemorrhage felled John Snow at 45 years of age. Had Snow lived to face Abram Belskie (1907–1988), the sculptor who would capture the physician’s likeness for the Presidential Art Medal “Great Men of Medicine Series” (*left*), Snow would have met a forensic pioneer in the art of reconstructing facial features from skeletal remains. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image also appears in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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