

IN MEMORY OF DOCTOR INNOKENTY VINOKUROV



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YOU ARE NOT BORN A PERSON, YOU BECOME A PERSON

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An article by O.A. Vinokurova and M.I. Vinokurova titled “*The phenomenon of Human difference: surgeon-inventor, scientist-researcher, writer-prose writer*” *Innokenty Innokentyevich Vinokurov* is about a self-made man as the title has it. The authors illustrate the phenomenon in an epigraph to their article which is a statement by A.N. Leontiev, who said that “You are not born a person, you become a person”. In fact, it is true, as exemplified by Innokenty Vinokurov. It would seem that it’s just another biography of a young man from northern Yakutia. He went to school. He worked at a factory. He got a degree. However, Innokenty Vinokurov’s personality was formed as a result of a hierarchization of various activities, which is a quality, not certainty. The authors not only expertly and competently explicate the phenomenon of Innokenty Vinokurov’s multifacetedness but also analyze it in detail.

A surgeon working in the northern regions of Yakutia, chief physician, resident physician at the Second Pirogov Moscow 'Order of Lenin' State Medical University, surgeon-phthisiologist of Yakutia Institute for Research in Tuberculosis—this is the quality path of Innokenty Vinokurov in his career of a doctor and an innovative surgeon and phthisiologist. This professional development was underpinned by a number of great human qualities such as keen-witted character, strong work ethic, strong will of a northerner, commitment, curiosity, refined perception of the environment, creativity in everything he ever attempted to do.

As an innovative surgeon Innokenty Vinokurov is an honorable successor of famous specialists who pioneered the establishment and development of phthisiology in Yakutia, namely G.M. Koksharskiy and D.A. Guriev. In 1950-70s they made a significant contribution into the improvement of the tuberculosis epidemiological situation as a result of an active development and implementation of surgical treatment methods of various forms of tuberculosis of different localization. In late 20th century and beginning of the 21st century innovative surgeon Innokenty Vinokurov expanded the indications for surgical treatment of destructive tuberculosis by introducing technological advancement into pulmonary tuberculosis surgery, which increased the effectiveness of the comprehensive treatment of tuberculosis, thus improving the epidemiological situation.

The traits of Innokenty Vinokurov's personality manifested themselves in various creative areas. He carved small stone sculptures, wrote poetry that later became lyrics for his songs that he performed himself. However, his interest in writing was the most serious one. He wrote historical novels about the origins of the Sakha people and low-numbered peoples of the North. Within a short period of time, he wrote three novels that found the admirers of his talent.

An innovative surgeon, a research scientist, a novelist—Innokenty Vinokurov, who dedicated more than 40 years of his life to healing and serving others, fell victim to the horrible pandemic of the 21st century, which took his life on June 21, 2020.

Till the very end, Innokenty Vinokurov was conducting operations, introducing new and innovative invasive techniques.

The authors of the article mention that Innokenty Vinokurov had a network of highly competent colleagues, surgeons and phthisiologists, experienced registered nurses, in collaboration with whom he achieved so much and helped develop and raise phthisiological surgery in the republic to the level it is at now. The article makes it clear that Innokenty Vinokurov's students and colleagues will continue his work.

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