

Female Neurosurgeons In Russia

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Introduction:

This review describes the professional activities of the outstanding female-professors and doctors in Russia, who devoted their lives to neurosurgery.

Report:

In 1920-1930 neurosurgery became an independent clinical discipline in the USSR. In the same period, the first female neurosurgeons appeared in the USSR. The number of them had been grown, and by the beginning of the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945), female doctors became a notable phenomenon in Soviet neurosurgery. Female neurosurgeons of the USSR in difference from the countries of Western Europe and North America, worked both in the front and in the rear hospitals. Feminization of neurosurgery continued in the postwar years. Female neurosurgeons made a great contribution to the development of neurosurgery as a science and in the education of qualified neurosurgeons. However, in the future, the importance of women neurosurgeons, especially their number, decreased, and by the end of the 20th century, neurosurgery in Russia became almost exclusively a masculine specialty.

Conclusion:

Female neurosurgeons played an important role in the development of neurosurgical service in Russia in historical terms. At present time there are not many women in Russia who successfully work in the field of neurosurgery, however in the last years there is a trend towards an increase in the number of female neurosurgeons in Russia.