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## Neurological stamp

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### The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Tulp by Rembrandt (1606-69)

Rembrandt's anatomy lesson paintings of Drs Tulp and Deyman hung on either side of the fireplace in the anatomy theatre of the Neiuwe Waag in Amsterdam. Tulp demonstrates the anatomy of the arm muscles to a group of seven—he alone wears a hat to mark the official nature of his demonstration. Some of the listeners are looking at the open page of an anatomical atlas at the feet of the corpse, some at the exposed arm muscles and others at the lecturer.

It was Nicholas Tulp, with other Dutch physicians, who first described cases of beriberi in the Dutch East Indies.

The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Tulp is reproduced on the same set of stamps issued by the Republic of Togo in 1968 which also showed The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Joan Deyman (Stanley Gibbons 597, Scott 647).

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