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Jacobus Ludovicus Shroeder van der Kolk (1797–1862)

Kolk became Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Utrecht in 1826, and it was there he introduced microscopic and experimental techniques in the study of histological anatomy. He was very interested in the contemporary treatment of the insane and his most important contributions were in that field. He also studied the anatomy of the brain of the mentally deficient. Kolk became an inspector of lunatic asylums and upon the request of the Government, wrote a comprehensive report on the conditions of the insane asylums and their inmates. He exerted great influence on the Government and asylum directors. Philatelically he was honoured in 1960 in World Mental Health Year by The Netherlands (Stanley Gibbons 898, Scott 383).

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