

QUIZ

THE SURPRISING 130-YEAR HISTORY OF HANDWASHING



Can you answer these questions about Ignaz Semmelweis?

1. Which century did he live in?

2. What was his nationality?

3. In which part of a hospital did he study deaths?

4. Who did he say should wash their hands?

5. Did his colleagues accept or reject his findings?

6. What sort of institution did he die in?

7. What did he die of?

8. Why is this ironic?

to fighting it.

Answers : 1. the nineteenth / 19th - 2. Hungarian - 3. the maternity ward - 4. doctors - 5. they rejected them - 6. an insane asylum - 7. sepsis - 8. It was the (very) thing he devoted himself to fighting / He devoted himself