

# Gastroenterology in the Reflection of a Number of Collecting Tools

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## Abstract

This study explores the representation of gastroenterology and prominent gastroenterologists in the fields of philately and numismatics. The objective of the research was to identify, analyze, and systematize collectible materials—such as postage stamps, first-day covers, commemorative envelopes, and table medals—dedicated to gastroenterology and related scientific figures. A literary-critical analysis and an extensive online search of international philatelic and numismatic resources were conducted. The findings revealed a diverse and substantial collection of thematic materials issued by various countries across different years. In total, 25 collectible items were documented, including postage stamps, first-day covers, artistic stamped envelopes, and commemorative medals. The results demonstrate that auxiliary historical disciplines such as philately and numismatics can serve as valuable visual and cultural tools for reflecting the development of medical sciences, including gastroenterology. This study highlights the interdisciplinary connection between medicine, history, and collecting practices, offering a unique contribution to both medical historiography and thematic collecting research.

**Keywords:** Gastroenterology, Philately, Postage Stamps, Numismatics, Commemorative Medals.

## Introduction

Studying various aspects of medicine and its history is always relevant and in-demand. If one tries to combine a medical discipline such as gastroenterology with the collecting fields of philately and numismatics, one can obtain a fairly wide selection of collectible materials. In particular, this original research article presents a number of philatelic and numismatic materials thematically devoted to gastroenterology. While researching this article, the author did not find a single article, either in medical professional journals or on philately collectors' websites, devoted to gastroenterology, its structure, and functioning. In this regard, one can confidently consider this original research article exclusive and the first in this field of research.

## Material and Methods

In writing this original research article, the author utilized a literary-critical analysis of all available sources, both domestic and

international. Online resources related to gastroenterology and collecting, particularly philately and numismatics, were used most extensively. Extensive research resulted in the discovery of collections of philatelic materials dedicated to gastroenterology. All illustrative images were converted into screenshots by the author. All illustrations in the "List of Sources" section contain links to the sources from which they were borrowed, in accordance with copyright requirements.

## Results and Discussion

I'd like to begin my story about gastroenterology and a number of renowned gastroenterologists from various countries, as reflected in philately, by presenting a selection of thematic postage stamps (16 items) dedicated to the medical discipline of gastroenterology and the profession of gastroenterologist. Figure 1 shows this small selection of postage stamps from various countries, issued in various years [1-6].



**Figure 1:** A Selection of Thematic Postage Stamps Dedicated to Gastroenterology

Figure 2 shows a small selection of thematic first-day postage envelopes and artistic stamped envelopes dedicated to a number of famous gastroenterologists from around the world and gastro-

enterological congresses held in past years. This thematic collection includes 13 copies of postage envelopes [7-19].



**Figure 2:** Thematic Selection of Postal Envelopes Dedicated to Gastroenterology



**Figure 3:** Thematic Numismatic Collection of table Medals Dedicated to Gastroenterology

This concludes another original research article, thematically dedicated to the presentation of gastroenterology in a number of collecting media, such as philately and numismatics [22, 23].

### Conclusions

1. The author of this article has comprehensively, interestingly, and captivantly explored a rather complex topic concerning the representation of gastroenterology in a number of collecting mediums, such as philately and numismatics.
2. The author's screenshots of the collected materials he found, used as illustrations, vividly and appropriately complement the text of the article and enrich this research.
3. Such auxiliary scientific and historical sciences as philately, phaleristics, numismatics, and philocarty, as well as a number of other collecting methods and means, are quite capable of vividly, creatively, unconventionally, and sufficiently comprehensively presenting very interesting information for both interested readers and those seriously interested in various collecting disciplines, enriching their knowledge of the subject under study.
4. In total, this research article presents 25 screenshot copies of various collectible materials. Of these, 20 are screenshot copies of various types of philatelic collectible materials, including: postage stamps – 9 screenshot copies; first-day covers and artistic stamped envelopes – 13 screenshot copies; and numismatics – 3 screenshot copies of thematic table medals.

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