

History in Nephrology

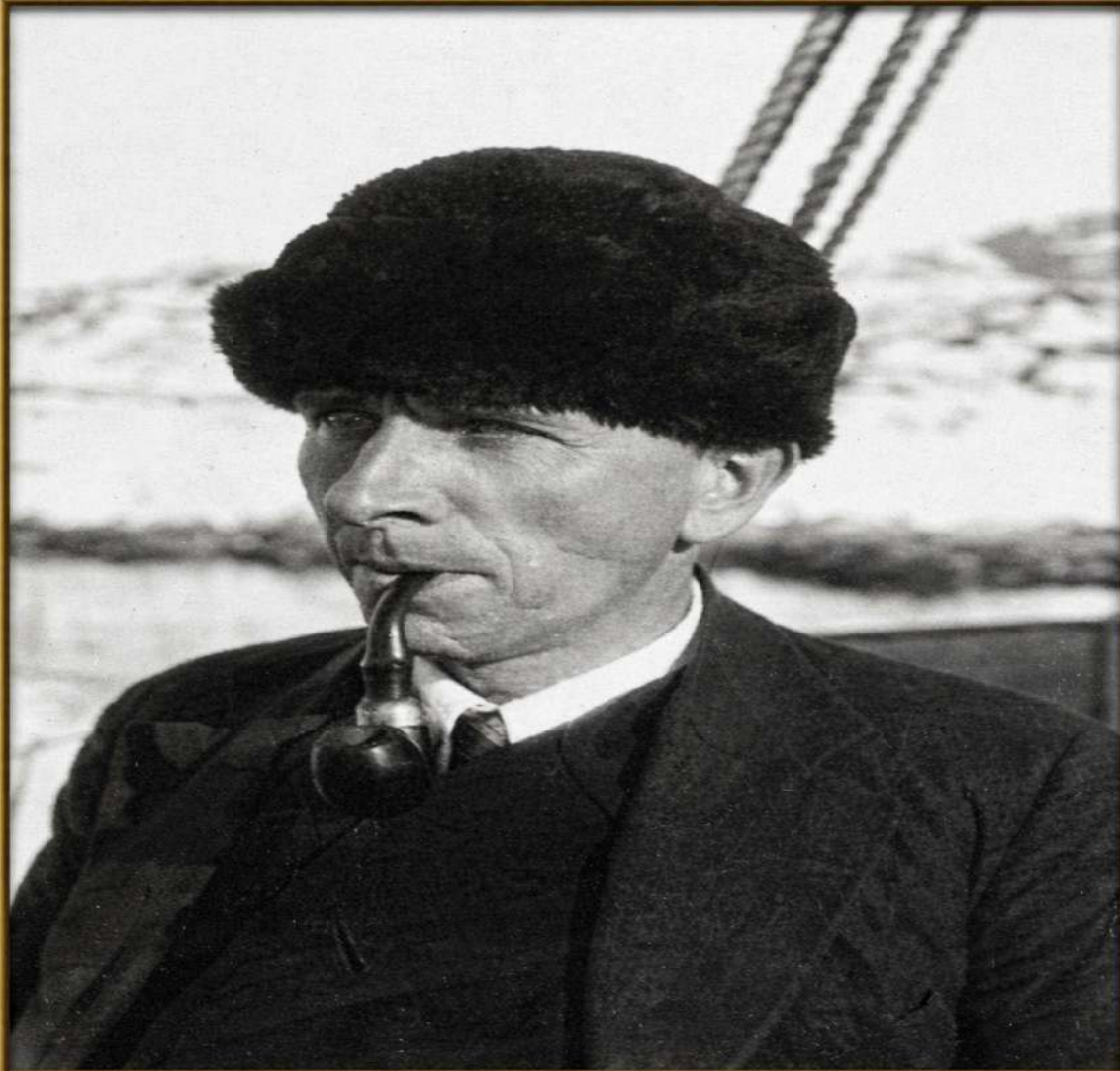
Legends whose contributions inspire us even today!

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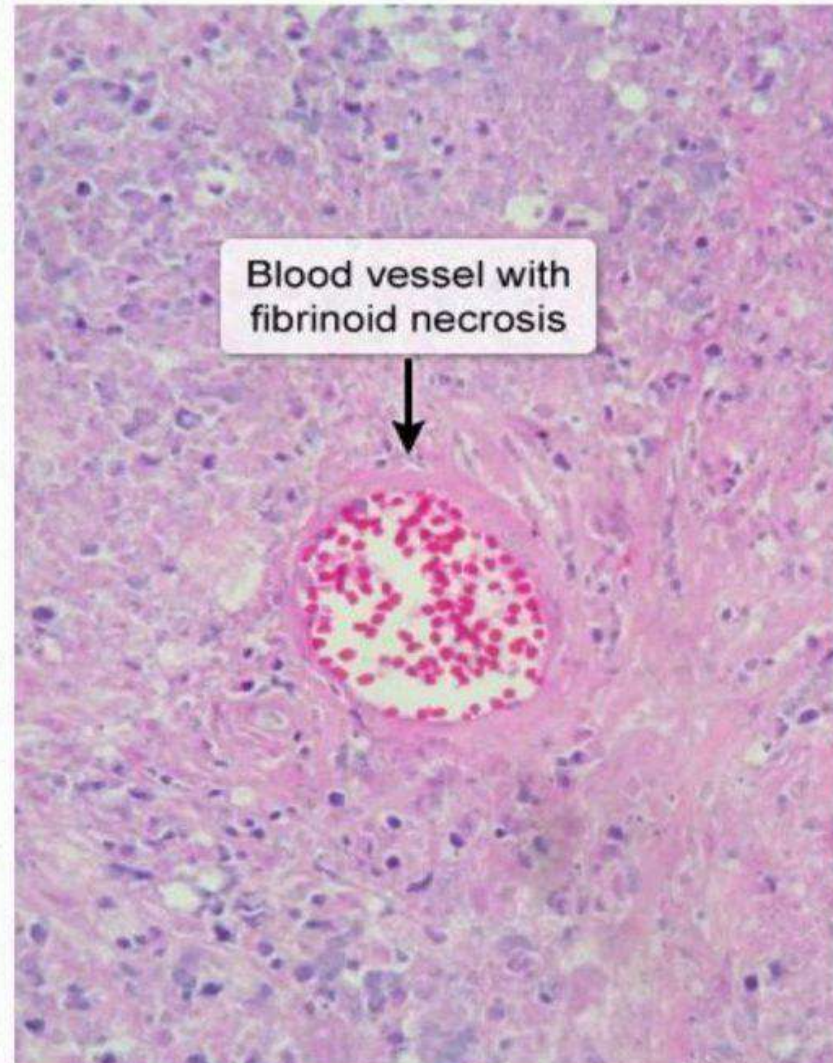
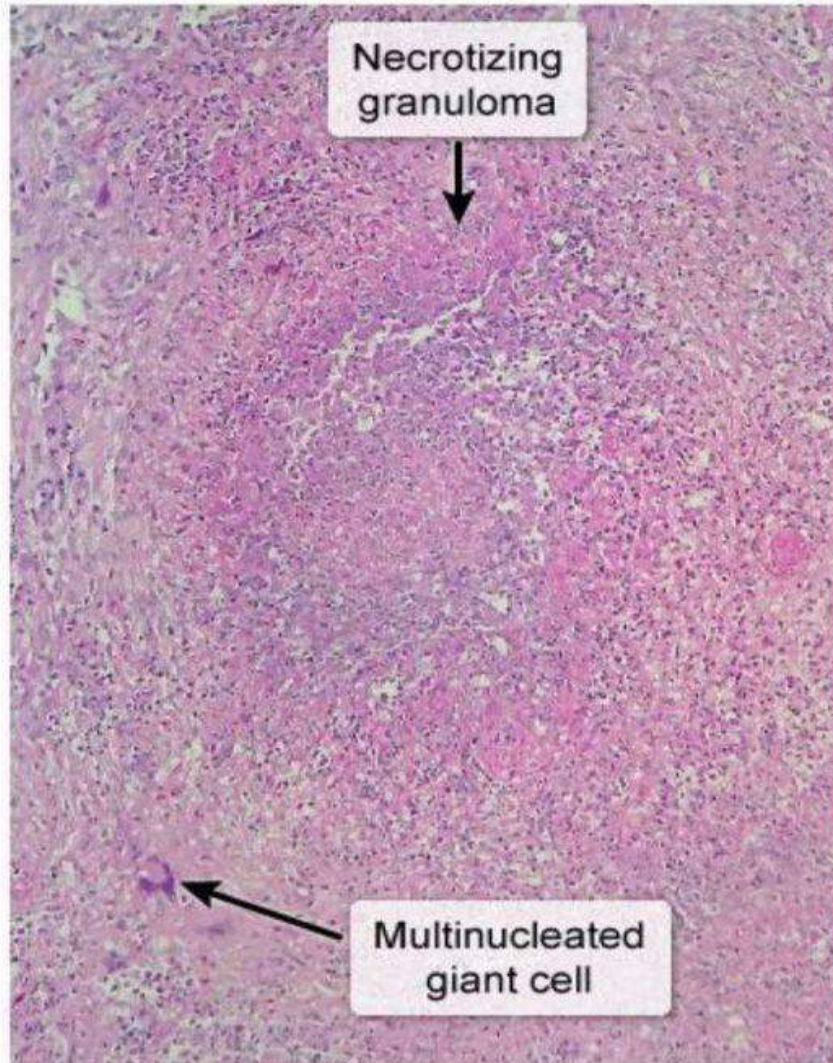
A Multisystem ANCA – Associated Small Vessel Vasculitis

- Formerly known as **Wegener's Granulomatosis**
- Characterized by necrotizing granulomatous inflammation and vasculitis



Friedrich Wegener
1907 - 1990

Granulomatosis with polyangiitis



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Wegener was named a “Master Clinician” by the American College of Chest Physicians in 1989. In the 2000s, medical societies replaced the eponym “Wegener’s granulomatosis” with “granulomatosis with polyangiitis” to dissociate the disease from his name. His case remains a key study

2026 Big Picture

Main shift in GPA Rx:-

- less steroids,
- more biologics,
- more individualized therapy.

But controversies remain around:-

- who gets what,
- how long, and
- at what cost / risk.

The hardest GPA questions are no longer diagnosis alone

Now they are

- **precision,**
- **duration,**
- **toxicity, and**
- **relapse prediction.**