

## Honorary award table medal "Nikolay Ivanovich Pirogov" #1255, Moscow Mint, 1979 issue.

In bronze, measures 64.4 mm wide, weighs 143 g. The artwork in high 3D relief is typical of table medals of the Soviet era.

The obverse features a portrait of the great medical doctor, with a caduceus, symbol of his profession and his full name in relief along the rim. Of note is that this medal features the artist's last name's initial "Ф" to the left of the portrait.

The reverse features the symbol of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Society above the inscription depicted inside a scroll which reads "For Achievements in the Humanitarian Activity of the [deciphering the abbreviations] Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR". At the very bottom, below the laurel branch, is the serial number 1255, to the right of which we can see the logo and abbreviation of the Moscow Mint and the year of issue, '79.

The model of this medal, struck at the Moscow Mint in 1979. Is the work of G.A. Fedorova. Total circulation of this medal is 3000. Of especial note is the fact that, contrary to the usual practice with table medals, each of the Pirogov medals was assigned a serial number. The presence of the serial number indicates that this was not just a commemorative item but indeed a medal awarded to individuals for achievements in the field of medicine.

In very fine to excellent condition. The raised details are extremely crisp. Apart from a few small stains, the patina is mild and even. There is a microscopic ding at the edge of the rim to the left of the portrait's head, hardly noticeable and not detracting.

Nikolay Ivanovich Pirogov (1810-1881) is one of the greatest names in the science and art of medicine, whose legacy is impossible to overestimate. A medical doctor, scientist, pedagogue, public figure, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Science, he was and remains one of the most widely recognized Russian physicians. His best-known and greatest contribution to the advancement of medicine was in the area of field surgery during military conflicts.

/See Commemorative [Table] Medal of the Soviet Period, 1919 - 1991, fig. 1209/.

Please note, the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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