

Excellence in Medical Corps badge, NKPS issue, mid-1940s.

Brass, enamels; measures 45.9 mm x 39.4 mm; weighs 16.6 g without the screw plate. Early variation featuring five scrolls forming the top ornament with a well pronounced smooth border along the upper edge. The center medallion is larger than on other variations. There is a single dot on either side of the star at the bottom of the white band.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel shows magnificent luster and is extremely well-preserved; it has only some tiny contact marks in the center that are barely noticeable to the naked eye. The details of the snake and bowl of Hygieia medical emblem as well as the wreath are perfect and crisp. The original gilt finish is clearly visible on the entire wreath; the fragile dark gray finish on the edges of the shield is perfect. The silver finish on the reverse is nearly pristine. The screw post is full length, over 11.5 mm, and includes an original WW2 era screw plate marked "NKPS".

Established in November 1942, the Excellent Medic badge was one of the first few badges of the "WW2 Proficiency Series" that came up during that year.

/Airapetyan, Breast Badges of the Red Army, 1941-1945, p. 103, fig. 3/

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