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IN SAFE HANDS

Ignaz Semmelweis – Hygiene Pioneer

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Medical innovation is always accompanied by those who resist it – no life shows this better than that of Ignaz Semmelweis.

A journey through the life of the great fighter for the health of mothers and medical progress. "Wash your hands": this rule of hygiene is taken for granted. That this was not always the case is revealed through the history of the 1818-born Semmelweis, who worked as a gynaecologist in Vienna. He had to fight hard for it to be recognised that doctors' dirty hands were infecting child-bearing women. His life story, which is of immense importance still today, let's us look deep into the fascinating world of scientific discoveries and intrigue.

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