

# 1806

## 1805-1807

The word “[endoscopy](#)” was used first by [Antonin Jean Desormeaux](#) (1815-1894), a urologist from [Paris](#)<sup>1)</sup>.

It is [Philipp Bozzini](#) (1773-1809), however, a German physician born to an aristocratic Italian family, who is credited with the invention of the first [endoscope](#) 200 years ago.

The “Lichtleiter,” which he demonstrated in 1806 to the Academy of Medicine of [Vienna](#), consisted of an eyepiece and a container for a candle light, which was reflected by a mirror through a tube

<sup>1)</sup>

Léger P. Antonin Jean Desormeaux [Antonin Jean Desormeaux]. Prog Urol. 2004 Dec;14(6):1231-8. French. PMID: 15751429.

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