

# Percivall Pott

Percivall Pott has influenced medicine and modern understanding of [diseases](#). Many diseases today are his namesake including: Pott's Fracture, Pott's disease of the spine, and [Pott's puffy tumor](#). One disease which does not, yet is important to Pott's legacy is Chimney Sweeper's Carcinoma. Pott quickly recognized the association between carcinoma and chimney sweeps and published his findings in a piece titled "Chirurgical Observations relative to...the cancer of the scrotum."

He wrote that the disease was, " peculiar to a certain sort of people [ and ] which has not at least to my knowledge, been publicly noticed - I mean the chimney-sweepers ' cancer. The disease, in these people, seems to derive its origin from a lodgment of soot in the rugae of the scrotum."

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