Eponyms in pathology...

von STERNBERG, Karl (1872–1935) was an Austrian pathologist, born and trained in Vienna, who qualified in 1896. After working as assistant to Paltauf in Vienna he was made professor of pathology there in 1908. He described the characteristic giant cells of Hodgkin’s disease in 1898, later described by Dorothy Reed (a pathologist at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore) in 1906. He also wrote a paper on “lymphosarcoma-cell” leukaemia, sometimes called Sternberg’s leukaemia.

GIARD, Alfred (1846–1908) was a Parisian biologist who was a staunch follower of the doctrine of Lamarck. In 1882 he described the genus of flagellate protozoan now called Giardia.

PANETH, Joseph (1857–1890) was an Austrian physiologist, born in Vienna, who held chairs of physiology in Breslau and Vienna. In 1888 he described the secretory cells in the crypts of the small intestinal mucosa which now bear his name.

BETZ, Vladimir Aleksandrovich (1834–1894) was a Russian anatomist who was professor of anatomy in Kiev from 1868 to 1889. He described the large pyramidal cells of the motor cortex (Betz cells) in 1874.