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Nobel medicine prize for non-medicos

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 11.—A Briton and an American, neither one a medical man, shared the 1979 Nobel medicine prize today for pioneering computerised X-ray body scanners, reports Reuter.

Such scanners began a revolution in the diagnosis of disease. The technique involved enables doctors to see inside the human body in three-dimensional detail without the hell of a surgeon's knife.

Dr. Godfrey Hounsfield, 60, an engineer with Britain's Electric and Musical Industries (EMI), will share the 80,000 crown (191,000 dollar) prize with all an Cormack, 55, Professor of Physics at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

The two pioneered computer-assisted tomography—from the Greek "tome (to cut)" and "grapho (to write)."

"No other method within X-ray diagnostics has in such a short time led to such remarkable progress in research and in the number of its applications", Sweden's Karolinska Institute said here naming the prizewinners.