

**MONUMENT TO THE X-RAY AND RADIUM MARTYRS OF ALL NATIONS**  
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**The Monument on the grounds of St. Georg (St George's) Hospital (now the Asklepios Klinik St Georg) in Hamburg unveiled on 4 April 1936 by the *Deutsche Röntengesellschaft* (the Röntgen Society of Germany)**

**Inscription**

This monument is a memorial to those who lost their lives because of exposure to ionizing radiation relating to their professional activities. The inscription (English Translation) reads:

*To the Roentgenologists and radiologists of all nations,  
To the doctors, physicists, chemists, technicians, laboratory assistants and nurses  
who sacrificed their lives in the fight against disease.  
They were valiant pioneers in the effective  
and safe use of X-rays and radium in medicine.  
Immortal is the glory of the work of the dead.*

**History**

When the monument was created in 1936 it displayed 169 names on the tall column. This included Maria Skłodowska-Curie (1867-1934). In 1959 additional stones were added with a total of 359 names.

The names of the martyrs along with links to other related publications can be found in the reference below.

## Reference

Monument to the X-ray and Radium Martyrs of All Nations.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monument\\_to\\_the\\_X-](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monument_to_the_X-ray_and_Radium_Martyrs_of_All_Nations#:~:text=The%20Monument%20to%20the%20X,X%2Drays%2C%20in%20medicine.)

[ray\\_and\\_Radium\\_Martyrs\\_of\\_All\\_Nations#:~:text=The%20Monument%20to%20the%20X,X%2Drays%2C%20in%20medicine.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monument_to_the_X-ray_and_Radium_Martyrs_of_All_Nations#:~:text=The%20Monument%20to%20the%20X,X%2Drays%2C%20in%20medicine.)

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