Gavriel A. Ilizarov: The magician from Kurgan

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The following biographical article is based on the author's knowledge of Dr. Ilizarov, the 1987 Sir Robert Jones Lecturer for the...
Gavriil Abramovich Ilizarov was a Soviet physician, known for inventing the Ilizarov apparatus for lengthening limb bones and... Soon after Gavriil's birth, the family moved back to Qusar, where he grew up. He graduated from Buynaksk Medical Rabfac (an educational establishment set up to prepare workers and peasants for higher education) in 1939 and entered the Crimea Medical School in Simferopol. After the outbreak of the Second World War, Gavriil Ilizarov was a brilliant scientist, a talented organizer who created a new branch in traumatology and orthopaedics. Ilizarov was born in 1921 in a peasant family. The family was large: there were three sisters and three brothers. The life was difficult. The children often suffered from hunger. Gavriil Ilizarov was a great personality of his time. His effective techniques and wonderful outcomes of the treatment of orthopaedic patients, who represented almost the entire world, were the reasons of his popularity. Svetlana Ilizarova is his daughter. She was trained by her father at the Limb Lengthening and Deformity Correction at the Center of Reconstructive Orthopaedics and Trauma in Kurgan, Siberia.