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**1877-1967**

Hungarian physician who is best known for his contributions to the battle against diphtheria, a childhood disease that killed thousands. The Schick test, which was developed in 1913, reveals susceptibility to diphtheria, which is caused by a toxin produced by *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* (Klebs-Loeffler bacillus). Injections of toxin-antitoxin (or, later, toxoids) produced immunity; by using the Schick test, physicians could avoid subjecting patients to unnecessary treatment with antitoxins.