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RAYMOND VIEUSSENS (1641-1715?). *Neurographia universalis*. Lyons: Apud Joannem Certe, 1685



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The son of a French army officer, Vieussens did not receive adequate financial support for his education from his family, so provided his own support, studying philosophy at Rhodéz and medicine at Montpellier. As physician to the hospital of Saint Eloy in Montpellier, he had occasion to perform over five hundred postmortem examinations during the course of which he made a number of anatomical discoveries. This well-illustrated compendium of the anatomy of the nervous system is based on these examinations and provides the most complete description of the brain and spinal cord to appear during the seventeenth century. Vieussens was one of the first anatomists to dissect out the internal capsule, corona radiata, cerebral peduncles, and the pyramidal fasciculi of the pons. The twenty-two folding copperplates, printed on fine, thin paper, are in excellent condition in this copy.



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