Benjamin Rush

- Member of the Second Continental Congress
- Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- Founder of Dickinson College, Franklin College (now Franklin & Marshall) and the College of Physicians
- Elevated the study of medicine in the US and made the practice of medicine more comprehensible and manageable

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