

**Award Certificate (Honorary Diploma) for the Title of Honored Medical Doctor of RSFSR, with original folder and hard case of issue, issued to Olga Ivanovna Garmesen.**

The citation states that the title was bestowed upon her on 5 September 1947 for "outstanding achievements in the field of people's healthcare". The document is hand-signed by I. Vlasov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of RSFSR, and P. Bakhmurov, Secretary of the Presidium.

The document is enclosed in a 9" x11½" hard leatherette folder of the 1940's style, in greyish blue color - as opposed to the red folders of 1950s and later issues. Its overall format closely resembles that of the "large certificates" for the Title of Hero of the Soviet Union. Comes with original hard case of issue of the early construction, with additional cardboard divider.

The entire set - the document, folder and box - are exceptionally well-preserved. The document and folder are in near mint condition. The document is immaculately clean and completely free of the usual foxing, fingerprints or significant age toning. The hard cover shows essentially no wear; the fragile gold leaf in the letters is completely intact and bright. The case shows only minimal wear to the corners, still completely sound and very clean.

According to the scant information we could find on Russian-language websites, Olga Ivanovna Garmesen's maiden name was Ovsyannikova. In the 1940s, she was an internal medicine doctor practicing in Moscow. In one book of memoirs, she is highly praised for the exceptional care she provided to her patients. More information about this outstanding individual may become available in the future as more Russian-language books get converted to digital format and become available online.

It is extremely uncommon to find such a complete and perfectly preserved document, especially one issued as early as 1947! Considering that all medals and certificates of Honored Medical Doctor were unnumbered, this magnificent set can nicely complement any Medal of Honored Medical Doctor of RSFSR.

Please note that the pen in the final photo is for size reference only.

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