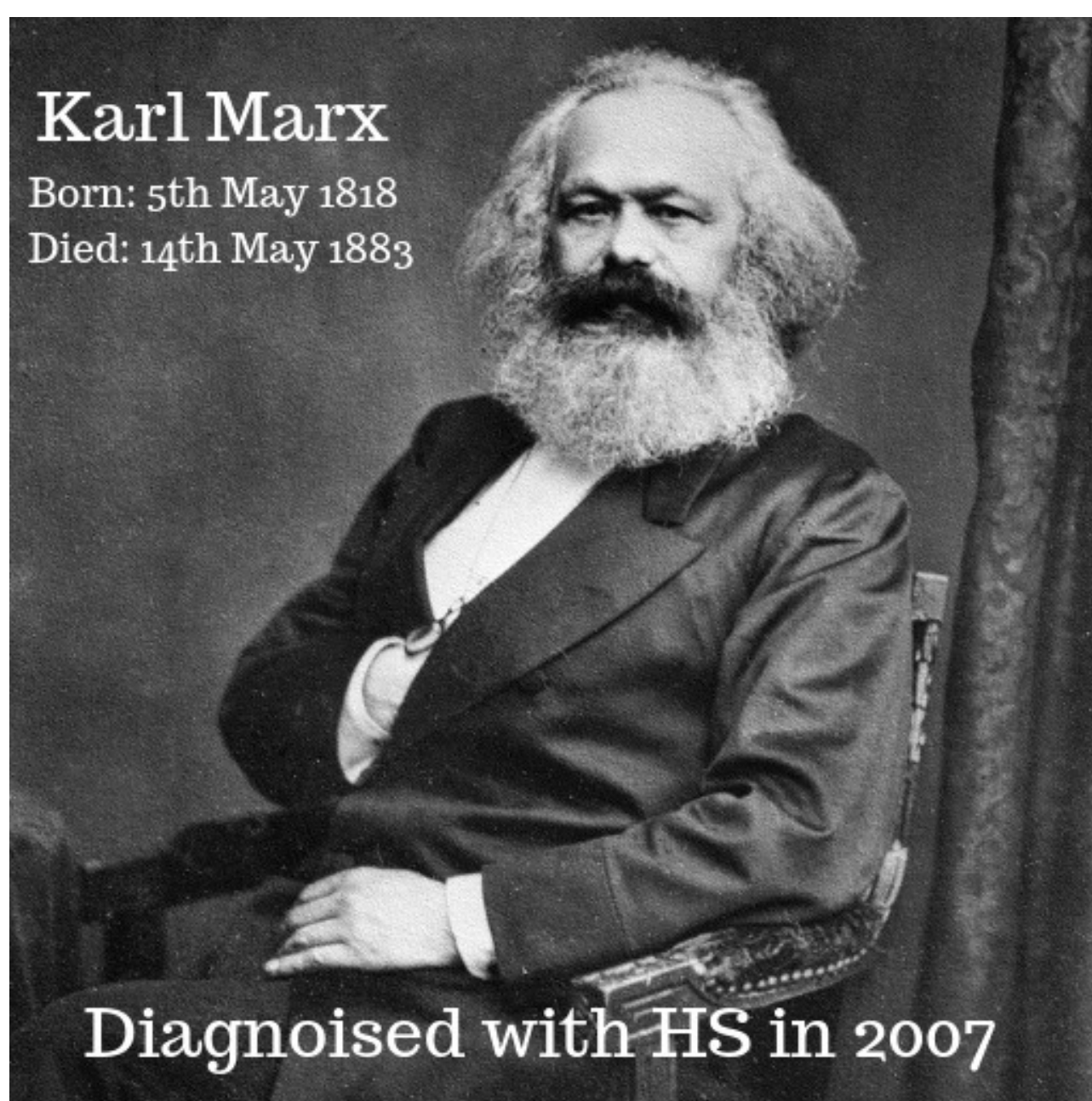


KARL MARX LONGEST MISDIAGNOSIS AND DIAGNOSIS OF HS

"Marx complained of being plagued by “boils”, “carbuncles”, and “furuncles” from his early forties in letters of correspondence, which are contained in the 50 volumes of the “Marx/Engels Collected Works”.



"From an analysis of the original correspondence, it has been possible to establish that Karl Marx's incapacitating skin disease was hidradenitis suppurativa, not 'boils' as was universally assumed at the time and since; the psychological effect of this illness on the man and his work appears to have been considerable."

Professor Sam Shuster

Shuster, S. (2007). The nature and consequence of Karl Marx's skin disease. British Journal of Dermatology. 158(1), 1-3. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2133.2007.08282.x

HS is a painful, relapsing, chronic, inflammatory skin condition, that has profound mental, emotional, and physical effects that is often misdiagnosed boils”, “carbuncles”, and “furuncles”.

Currently, there no diagnostic test for HS and is diagnosed based on the persistent, scarring and destructive lesions, in site-specific areas of the armpits, anus, groin, lower abdomen. Shuster concluded that Marx's lesions occurred in the HS areas and that he suffered from severe HS.

124 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH