

Dedication to Marvin E. Steinberg, M.D.

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Marvin Steinberg is a very special individual who has dedicated his entire career to the science of orthopaedic surgery. More importantly, it is our Department of Orthopaedic Surgery here at the University of Pennsylvania that he has considered home during his storied career. With his recent retirement and transition to Professor Emeritus, our history rich department

has witnessed the passing of yet another era.

Marvin Steinberg had grown up in central New Jersey and came to the University of Pennsylvania in 1954 having graduated from Princeton University earlier that year. He completed his medical school education in 1958, and was asked to stay at the University to pursue his orthopaedic training, which concluded in 1963. He spent the year following residency in England at Oxford as a Fulbright Scholar. Upon the completion of this year abroad, he was asked to join the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and did so readily. His interest in research and his leadership skills were recognized early and he was appointed the Director of the Research Laboratory. He developed an interest in avascular necrosis as well as joint replacement and began to write, publish, and present in this area. His academic achievements in this area led to rapid promotions to Associate Professor and then to Full Professor in 1980. During this time period, his leadership skills were tapped on several occasions, becoming a founding member of the Eastern Orthopaedic Association in the 1970, and serving as its President several years later. He was also an active member of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society, Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society and the Philadelphia Rheumatism Society. His interests in avascular necrosis were to develop advances in the diagnosis and the treatment of the disease and his classification system remains the most comprehensive and yet most practical

classification system of its type for avascular necrosis to the current day. He has authored over a 150 peer reviewed publications and has made nearly 200 major presentations all over the world.

In spite of his significant achievements both nationally and internationally, Marvin still chose to direct the vast majority of his energies locally. He helped build and invigorate local and medical orthopaedic societies. He fostered interactions among physicians with similar interests in order to develop a true multiple disciplinary approach to patient care. He is one of the only non-rheumatologists to be the President of the Arthritis Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. He directed energy into the Penn community, serving on multiple committees over the years. He has served as Vice Chairman of our department and significantly influenced its course over the years. He developed educational courses for physical therapists, non-orthopaedic surgeons, and patients to provide the most up-to-date information on joint reconstruction.

These accomplishments, as great as they are, represent only a small overview of a truly stellar career, they do not begin to compare to his achievements as an educator, embodied in the hearts and minds of the hundreds of residents that he has mentored over the years. Of all of his brilliance and scientific acumen, Marvin Steinberg is appreciated most for his humanity. He taught his students to be tireless advocates for their patients and that any compromise in this area was completely unacceptable. He taught his students to be selfless when dealing with colleagues, to always be kind, helpful, and positive, not condescending or argumentative. He has been an inspiration to get involved, to reject apathy, and try to improve their surroundings.

It is with great joy and honor that the University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal dedicates this year's issue to Dr. Marvin E. Steinberg. This dedication to you is one small token of appreciation for your dedication to us.