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PAUL A. O'LEARY



Dr. Paul A. O'Leary was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1892 to Jeremiah J. O'Leary (born in Massachusetts, his parents were born in Ireland) and Anna B. O'Leary (born in Canada). Dr. O'Leary received his medical degree from the Long Island College of Medicine in 1915.

After a two-year internship, Dr. O'Leary left the big city to join the staff of the Mayo Clinic (1917) in Rochester, Minnesota, as first assistant to Dr. John H. Stokes, who had organized the section on dermatology and syphilology at Mayo in 1916. Dr. O'Leary succeeded Dr. Stokes in 1924 as section chief when Dr. Stokes became chair of the dermatology department at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. O'Leary received an appointment as professor of dermatology and syphilology in the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, which is a part of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota. Dr. O'Leary's tenure at Mayo spanned 36 years, from 1917-1953. He died after a short illness in 1955.

TED AND ROBERTA MANN



Dr. Roberta Mann-Benson and her father Ted Mann were loyal, long-time patients of Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

The Ted and Dr. Roberta Mann Foundation is recognized as a Major Benefactor of Mayo Clinic and has supported education and research initiatives through annual support of dermatology research, leadership support of the Mayo Clinic Lung Tissue Specimen Registry, and through establishment and endowment

to fund the Ted and Dr. Roberta Mann Visiting Professor in Dermatology in honor of Dr. Arnold Schroeter.

Roberta Mann-Benson was especially fond of her long-time physician, Dr. Arnold Schroeter, in whose honor she created the Ted and Dr. Roberta Mann Visiting Professor in Dermatology. Dr. Arnold Schroeter received his M.D. degree in 1961 from the University of Tennessee and completed a residency in dermatology at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He joined the Mayo staff in 1969, and served as the chair of the Mayo Clinic Department of Dermatology from 1993 to 2000. Dr. Schroeter was also honored by the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees when he was named the fourth Robert H. Kieckhefer Professor in Dermatology. Dr. Schroeter retired from Mayo Clinic in 2008.

LOUIS O. BRUNSTING



The Louis A. Brunsting Lectureship in Dermatology was established in 1994 by Dr. Smith H. Gibson to honor the memory of Dr. Brunsting, a former chair of the Mayo Department of Dermatology and one of Dr. Gibson's instructors, who also became a role model for Dr. Gibson during his fellowship at Mayo from 1954-1957. This event takes place annually in Rochester.

Dr. Brunsting was born on July 7, 1900 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He attended John Calvin College and Grand Rapids Junior College in Grand Rapids, and received the M.D. degree in 1924 from the University of Michigan. He was an intern at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids for thirteen months, then practiced in Nashville, Michigan for nine months before coming to Mayo in 1926 as a Fellow in Dermatology and Syphilology. He received the M.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1929.

Dr. Gibson describes Dr. Brunsting as "a fine clinician with keen perception and insight," adding, "perhaps his best teaching was at the bedside and on the clinic floor where we learned much about diagnosis and management of skin diseases."

He was a scholastic who for his day had an advanced understanding of collagen vascular diseases, bullous dermatoses, porphyrias, atopic dermatitis, and dermatologic manifestations of systemic disease. Frequently, to make a point, he would quote from the Classics or Old Testament. He eschewed hasty publications and had a favorite Latin expression for an idea reflex which went directly to the pen and press before ascending above the tentorium. Dr. Brunsting was always the Chief in charge, but his firmness was that of a gentleman. Dr. Brunsting retired from the Clinic on October 1, 1965, and died on October 8, 1980 at age 80 in San Diego, California.

HAROLD O. PERRY



The Harold O. Perry Lectureship was established in 1999 by the Department of Dermatology to continue the high quality academic standards established by Dr. Perry when he served as chair of the department from 1975-1983. Major funding was provided by Dr. Smith Gibson, who also established the Louis A. Brunsting Lectureship in Dermatology in 1994. This event takes place annually in Rochester.



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