

# Meyer Rosensohn

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Meyer Rosensohn was born in Russia on September 14, 1882 and was brought to the United States by his father and mother along with several brothers and sisters when he was two years old. The family settled on the lower East Side of New York City. At a very early age it became necessary for Dr. Rosensohn to work after school hours to help meet the family budget because of the untimely death of his father. He attended elementary and high school and by virtue of his own industry he was able to finance his way through college and was graduated from the College of the City of New York with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in 1901.

Because of financial considerations it was not until the fall of 1905 that he was able to enter medical college, an early and lasting ambition. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in the Spring of 1909 with honors including membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha fraternity which he received after his third year. He served as intern in pathology followed by three years service as house physician in internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. This service was followed by an appointment as House Surgeon at the New York Lying-in Hospital. Upon completion of this duty he became an Assistant in private practice to the late Dr. Alfred Meyers. In 1916 he began his own private practice and was appointed to the attending staff (First Division) of the New York Lying-in Hospital, a position he continued to hold until he was retired by virtue of the age limit in 1949. For many years he was Director of Obstetrics at the Bronx Hospital and recently was appointed Consultant in Obstetrics at that institution. He also was on the Attending Staff of Montefiore Hospital for a number of years. Between the years 1932 and 1949 he was in turn Instructor and Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at Cornell University Medical College. Dr. Rosensohn made a great success of his life work and was indeed a true prototype of the Horatio Alger saga.

Doctor Rosensohn was a member of the New York County and State Medical Societies, a Fellow of the American Medical Association, The American College of Surgeons, the New York Academy of Medicine and the New York Obstetrical Society. His last scientific paper, still to be published, was read before this latter organization in December 1952. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Doctor Rosensohn was a deep thinker with an amazing memory, a scholar and a lover of history. He was thoughtful, kind and ever ready to offer instruction, in his modest manner, to any of the students or younger men with whom he came in contact. He delighted in sharing his knowledge With others. He was conservative in his judgment

and never shirked responsibility. He never wore the mask of pretense. Dr. Rosensohn was a prodigious student of medical literature, and to the amazement of attending staff and students, would frequently quote from memory titles of articles, names of journals, page numbers and brief summaries of contents. In these references, he always appeared to be right. He never missed an opportunity to talk to the students, and he did most of his teaching in the delivery and operating rooms, on the pavilions, in the corridors and in the Out-Patient Department. He was a great believer in the less formalized type of teaching. He made a substantial contribution to the training of the resident staff and preferred to have them do his operations but he was always present in the operating or delivery room, giving instruction to the best of his ability. This practice he continued until the last week of his life.

Doctor Rosensohn's patients idolized him, and they were one of his greatest pleasures in life. Seriously ill for several months, he attended patients in his office and in the hospital until his end came on April 26, 1953 in Larchmont, New York.

Doctor Rosensohn is survived by a son William, two daughters; Mrs. Lucy Rothlein and Miss Eleanor Rosensohn; and four grandchildren.

*R. G. Douglas*