

Olav Austlid

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It is with great sadness that we record the death of our friend and colleague, Dr. Olav Austlid.

During the early years of his medical career he was devoted to the rehabilitation care of poliomyelitis victims. His work resulted in several outstanding publications in the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

Later he also contributed to the improved care of disabilities resulting from postural defects.

A native of Oersta, Norway, he had to leave his homeland during the hostilities of World War II.

He obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Vienna in 1944. At the end of the war he returned to his homeland to engage in general practice. He came to the United States in 1948.

After serving an internship at the Lutheran Medical Center he received a Baruch Fellowship for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and served his residency at the Presbyterian Hospital—Columbia Medical Center in New York City. His training years were followed by a two-year teaching appointment in kinesiology at the same institution. He joined the staff of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and Hospital for Special Surgery in 1953 and served as Associate Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in both institutions.

At the opening of the Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, New York, he was appointed clinical director of its Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department.

As a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine he participated in the teaching of physical diagnosis to undergraduate students of Cornell Medical College.

He was also well known to the physical therapists for his lectures on hydrotherapy.

Dr. Austlid also entertained a successful private practice.

He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, a Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and a member of the Congress for Rehabilitation Medicine.

Besides his publications and teaching, Dr. Austlid is in our memory for his loyalty to the Hospital and his dedication to his patients who still speak in reverence of him.

His counsel in disabilities and defects of the skeletal-muscular system was much valued by many distinguished physicians in New York City who asked for his service to their patients. He was always willing to help and advise—in short, he was a very fine man to work with.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eleni Austlid; two daughters, five and six; and a sister in Norway.

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