

William Cooper

April 23, 1909 — May 19, 1970

It is with deep regret that the New York Hospital reports the death of Dr. William Cooper on May 19, 1970.

Doctor Cooper was born in New York City on April 23, 1909. He was graduated from New York University and received his M.D. degree from Long Island College of Medicine in 1933. He received his orthopaedic training under Dr. Arthur Steindler at the University of Iowa, and was subsequently certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1941.

He served as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, both in this country and overseas, from 1942 to 1946.

After the war he practiced orthopaedic surgery in New York City, in connection with The Hospital for Special Surgery, and The New York Hospital and Cornell Medical College, where he held the title of clinical professor of surgery (orthopaedics).

He was an excellent teacher and had a special interest in the various problems of patients with cerebral palsy or birth defects. He was largely responsible for the development of special schools and classes for cerebral palsy patients and was for many years the medical director of the Cerebral Palsy Center in Roosevelt, Long Island.

He wrote extensively on cerebral palsy and frequently gave instructional courses or prepared exhibits for National Orthopaedic Society meetings. He was considered one of the leading authorities in the country on this subject, and he was a member of the World Commission for Cerebral Palsy.

He was a member of all of the major medical societies connected with orthopaedic surgery, traumatology, and cerebral palsy, and in New York City he was very active as a consultant to the Bureau of Handicapped Children, The National Foundation, and other rehabilitation services. He was on the medical control board of H.I.P. and an honorary police surgeon for many years.

As a hobby, he collected old orthopaedic records and instruments, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Rare Book Room at the New York Academy of Medicine.

He was a congenial, cooperative, and enthusiastic member of the staff of this Medical Center and his death leaves a void that will be almost impossible to fill.

The members of the Medical Board of The New York Hospital wish to express their great appreciation of his fine work, and extend their sympathy to his wife, Therese, and his two children, Rebecca and James.

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