

Herbert Conway

June 25, 1904 — August 25, 1969

Doctor Herbert Conway, clinical professor of surgery at Cornell University Medical College and director of the Plastic Surgery Department at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, died soon after his arrival at the New Rochelle Hospital early on the morning of August 25, 1969.

One of the world's leading and best known plastic surgeons, Doctor Conway organized a training program in plastic surgery at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in 1936 and served as its director to the time of his death. He was also consulting plastic surgeon to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, New York; White Plains Hospital, White Plains, New York; Bellevue and Memorial Hospitals and the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Doctor Conway was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1904. He received his undergraduate training at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Cincinnati in 1929. He also received a Master of Science in Surgery degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1932.

His early training in surgery was at the Cincinnati General Hospital. In 1932 he came to the newly constructed New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center with Doctor George Heuer, the newly appointed chief of surgery. After completing his training in surgery with Doctor Heuer, he joined the staff of the New York Hospital and established a Section of Plastic Surgery in the Department of Surgery.

During the years from 1942 to 1945 he served as a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Medical Corps in the South Pacific Theater. He became the plastic surgical consultant for the entire Southwestern Pacific area and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Upon his return to civilian life he resumed what was to become one of the most prolific careers in plastic surgery.

He was chairman of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, editor of the Transplantation Journal and associate editor of the American Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. His writings include more than two hundred and fifty articles in the surgical literature and three books, *Tumors of the Skin*, *Surgery of Tumors of the Skin* and *Plastic Surgery One Hundred Years Ago*. His postgraduate training system has trained over ninety-five surgeons for important posts in this country and abroad.

A founder member of the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, Doctor Conway was a member of numerous surgical organizations in this country and abroad, including the American Surgical Association, the British Association of Plastic Surgeons, and the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, the Plastic Surgery Section for the Pan-American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Compensation Medicine. He was president of the New York Regional Plastic Surgery Society.

On June 15, 1969, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the University of Cincinnati. The recipient of many honors, Doctor Conway was an honorary member of the Chilean Plastic Surgery Association, the faculty of the University of Chile, the Academy of Surgery of Peru, the Argentine Surgical Association, and many other organizations. He was also a government lecturer in plastic surgery under the auspices of the U.S. State Department in India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon from December, 1962, through February, 1963.

Doctor Conway is survived by his wife, Frances Gallagher Conway of New York and Palm Beach; a son, Richard W. of Bel Air, California; and two daughters, Karen and Catharine Lanning of this city.

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