

# Dr. Malcolm Goodridge

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On July 16, 1956, Malcolm Goodridge, consulting physician to The New York Hospital, an honorary member of its Board of Governors, and for many years Professor of Clinical Medicine at Cornell University Medical College, died in his home at the age of 83.

He was one of that group of illustrious physicians who at the Second Medical Division of Bellevue Hospital made Cornell a medical Mecca. He was a guiding spirit in the formation of the Medical Center on 68th Street. For many years he was an active and influential member of the Medical Board of the Hospital. Although he retired from fully active practice in 1939, his interest in the affairs of the Center never flagged. He found his chief pleasure in participation in rounds on the pavilions, and in encouragement of young men and women in medicine. No one will ever know how many students and house officers at New York Hospital owe their inspiration to his guidance and example. He was a wise consultant whose advice was constantly sought by his colleagues; a persuasive teacher whose instruction at the bedside and in clinical and pathological conferences was the ideal of those who shared it.

Malcolm Goodridge was born in Flushing, N. Y., the son of a physician. He received his A.B. degree from Princeton University in 1894 and his M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1898. He began to practice in Manhattan in 1899. He was consulting physician to Bellevue Hospital, the Neurological Institute and the Mercy Hospital in Hempstead, Long Island. He was a trustee of the Home for Old Men and Aged Couples in New York City. He was the author of many chapters in textbooks of Medicine.

In 1941 before our entry into World War II he appealed to President Franklin D. Roosevelt to prevent a shortage of American physicians by deferment of drafting of students in medical schools and of interns until they had completed their medical training. He endorsed President Roosevelt's plea for 1,000 volunteer physicians to serve in Great Britain.

He was one of the most active workers in the development of the New York Academy of Medicine, of which he was a fellow for fifty years. He was its president from 1939 to 1942. He was the tireless chairman of its Committee on editing of its influential reports. In 1956, shortly before his death, he received from the Academy its plaque for distinguished service.

In the Medical Center the memory of Malcolm Goodridge is treasured not more for his contributions in education and clinical medicine than for his magnetic and genial personality, his kindness and his sympathetic understanding.

The Executive Faculty of Cornell University Medical College records his death with sorrow and with the realization that its members have lost one of their best friends and the Medical Center one of its staunchest supporters.

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