

Obituary

Per Amundsen

Dr. Per Amundsen, Head of the Neuroradiological Department, Ullevål Hospital, Oslo, Norway, died on 5 February 1983. He was 70 years old and had retired in July 1982. Dr. Amundsen graduated from the University of Oslo Medical School in 1940. After 3 years of general practice in a rural community, a practice he shared with his wife, Dr. Anna Kristine Amundsen, he completed his general hospital education and several years' residency in radiology. In 1954 he became Deputy Chief of the Radiological Department of Ullevål Hospital, and was appointed Head of the neuroradiological service when a separate Department of Neuroradiology was established in 1964.

During the first years of his specialist career Dr. Amundsen was particularly interested in the radiological examination of the heart and great vessels. In 1959 he published a monograph on this subject as a supplement to *Acta Radiologica*. From 1960 he devoted all his energy and enormous working capacity to neuroradiology. His department at Ullevål Hospital acquired an international reputation as a teaching center where numerous neuroradiologists from Norway and from abroad have had their training. Dr. Amundsen combined great knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the nervous system with meticulous attention to every detail in the examinations. His respectful and friendly attitude towards patients and his never failing interest in every member of the staff made a deep impression on visitors to the department.

Dr. Amundsen published about 50 papers on topics including tomography in gas encephalography, cerebral angiography by femoral catheterization, water soluble contrast agents and computer tomography. In 1975 the first CT machine in Norway was installed in his department.



Dr. Amundsen has been invited to many neuroradiological centers around the world as lecturer and visiting professor. He was an active member at innumerable professional meetings and congresses, and was honored with associate or honorary membership in national and international societies.

Dr. Amundsen is survived by his wife, Mutta, and two daughters. A deep sense of loss will remain among his many colleagues and friends in the professions of neuroradiology, neurosurgery and neurology, among whom the Editors-in-Chief of *Neuroradiology* particularly ask to be numbered.

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