

# Patrick H. Hanley

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Dr. Patrick H. Hanley, past president of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and emeritus chairman of the Department of Colon and Rectal Surgery at Ochsner Clinic, died at age 85. Dr. Hanley received his doctor of medicine degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and trained at Charity Hospital of Louisiana in New Orleans under Dr. Alton Ochsner.

He was past president of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons, and was emeritus clinical professor of surgery at Tulane School of Medicine. He was noted for his leadership in surgical education in colon and rectal surgery, and received awards and recognition for his pioneering work in audiovisual media for teaching. His major contributions included extensive investigation of the perineal and perianal anatomy and the relationship of that anatomy to fistula disease.

He supervised the training of 40 fellows in colon and rectal surgery. He was a prolific contributor to the surgical literature with 12 book chapters, 36 peer-reviewed papers, 25 movies, and 9 special awards to his credit. Throughout his career he remained a beloved teacher and role model for aspiring young surgeons.

Dr. Hanley was active in many social and civic organizations and was past president of the New Orleans Men's Opera Club. During World War II, he served as a Navy Lieutenant Commander. He will be remembered as a kind and thoughtful gentleman who loved and cared for all people. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanne Patricka Ralug; grandson, David Huges; three brothers,



Fleming, Lionel, and Dr. Robert Hanley; and three sisters, Alice Mary Miller, Lolita Defelise, and Anna Bourgeois.