

In Memoriam



David D. Daly, M.D.
1919–1991

David D. Daly, M.D., President of the International League Against Epilepsy from 1973 to 1977, died on October 2, 1991 after a brief illness. Dr. Daly helped the League in many ways, serving on the Executive Committee from 1965 to 1981, as Treasurer from 1965 to 1973, and as Chairman of the Commission on Antiepileptic Drugs from 1970 to 1973. Dr. Daly had been honored by the League by being granted the distinguished Ambassador Award.

Dr. Daly was born October 17, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1945, and after an internship and residency at the University of Minnesota hospitals served as a fellow at the Montreal Neurological Institute from 1946 to 1947. He then became a first assistant in electroencephalography and joined the staff of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. From 1961 to 1966, Dr. Daly was Chairman of the Division of Neurology of the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. He was Chairman and Professor of Neurology at the University of Texas in Dallas from 1966 to 1973 and remained at that institution until 1984. In 1987, he became affiliated with the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Daly was President of the American Epilepsy Society in 1967. He was also a President of the American EEG Society and a founding member and First-President of the Association of University Professors of Neurology. He was active in committees for both the American Academy of Neurology and the

American Neurological Association. He was a Director of the American Board of Clinical Neurophysiology and Chairman of the Committee on Standards of Practice of the International Federation of Societies for Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology. Dr. Daly was also a Director of the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

Dr. Daly served on many National Institutes of Health and National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Advisory Committees and Study Sections. He was the First Chairman of the Congressionally Mandated Commission for the Control of Epilepsy and its Consequences. The Commission greatly regretted that he was unable to continue after the first few meetings and missed his clinical experience and judgment in subsequent deliberations. Dr. Daly was chairman of the Service and Service Training Subcommittee of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on the Epilepsies, in which role he had a significant impact on governmental programs involved in delivery of health care services to persons with epilepsy. Dr. Daly was author of more than 100 articles and the editor of *Current Practice of Clinical Electroencephalography*. Much of his professional career was devoted to studies of epilepsy and the EEG. Early in his career, in collaboration with Drs. Reginald Bickford and Donald Klass, he clarified EEG distinctions of absence and complex partial seizures. Their early use of movies with split-screen showing both the EEG and patient behavior anticipated the later development of the intensive video-monitoring tech-

nique. Dr. Daly also established the neurophysiologic responses to photic stimulation and behavioral syndromes associated with temporal lobe lesions.

I first became acquainted with Dr. Daly in 1968, when I was a staff member on the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on the Epilepsies. He quickly became a true friend. Dr. Daly generously shared not only his professional expertise, but also his extensive knowledge of the political workings of Washington, D.C. Dr. Daly's knowledge of the Halls of Congress were applied to serve the causes of epilepsy and neurology. Dr. Daly was honest in his opinions and could prove a feisty colleague when one did not agree with him.

Dr. Daly loved his adopted Southwest United States and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of its

unique cultural traditions and art values. Visitors were always welcomed at Dave and Harriet's home in Dallas and later in Tucson, where their children Michael, Karen, Sandra, and Mara were frequently recruited to provide tours for visitors.

In 1988, the American Epilepsy Society William G. Lennox Award was presented to Dr. Daly. The award read: "Compassionate physician and dedicated teacher who strove for intellectual clarity in advancing our knowledge of epilepsy." Dr. Daly combined excellence as a clinician, teacher, and investigator with his leadership role in pursuing the advancement of understanding and care of patients with epilepsy.

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