

Remembering the Legend



IN FOND MEMORY OF

Dr Juan Rosai

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**A legend who inspired pathologists
across the globe and lives on through his
teachings and achievements.**

Office bearers and the members of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists express deep sorrow on the sad demise of Dr Juan Rosai, a legend in Pathology and writer of Ackerman's Text book of Pathology.

Juan Rosai, M.D; an eminent personality was an Italian-born American physician who contributed to clinical research and education in the field of surgical pathology. Rosai is also well-known because of his role as teacher, mentor and consultant to many American and international surgical pathologists.

His original first name was *Giovanni* Rosai. He joined the School of Medicine at the age of 15 and earned the M.D. degree at the age of 21. During a medical conference in Argentina he was introduced to Dr. Lauren Ackerman under whom he completed his residency. At the age of 34, Rosai was appointed Professor & Director of Anatomic Pathology at the University of

Minnesota. In 2000 Rosai moved to Italy in the capacity of Chairman, Department of Anatomic Pathology at the National Cancer Institute in Milan, Italy. In 2005, he created the Center for Oncologic Pathology Consultations, in Milan.

Dr Rosai has been a pioneer with discovery of medical conditions one of which has been named after him and his colleague- Rosai-Dorfman disease (sinus histiocytosis with massive lymphadenopathy), desmoplastic small round cell tumor, spindle-cell epithelial tumor with thymus-like differentiation of the thyroid, and sclerosing angiomatoid nodular transformation of the spleen. He was Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Surgical Pathology* until 2014, 3rd Series of the *Atlas of Tumor Pathology* of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), and, author of AFIP fascicles on *Tumors of the Thymus* and *Tumors of the Thyroid Gland*. He is the author of Ackerman's Surgical Pathology, a classical textbook in pathology now in its ninth edition and was first published by Lauren Vedder Ackerman. He authored more than 400 scientific peer-reviewed papers in pathology.

We, the pathologists will always remember him through his academic work. May his soul rest in peace.