

IN MEMORIAM

Sam A. Threefoot, MD
April 10, 1921 - April 25, 2015



Dr. Sam A. Threefoot, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Tulane School of Medicine, medical educator and researcher, died April 25, 2015. Sam was a founding member of the International Society of Lymphology and longtime member of the Editorial Board of *Lymphology*.

Dr. Threefoot was involved in medical research for over 40 years, often collaborating with lymphology pioneer Hyman Mayerson, publishing over 150 papers, book chapters, abstracts, and presentations of isotopic tracers of body fluids and electrolytes and on the anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system, particularly noting lymphatic-venous anastomoses. He published three non-scientific books. He participated in the development of medical school curricula and planned six buildings for research facilities and hospitals.

Other memberships included the American College of Physicians, American Federation of Clinical Research, the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He served on the Board of Governors as Governor for Louisiana of the American College of Cardiology, President of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, Vice President of the American Heart Association and Chairman of the Council on Circulation, President of the Louisiana Heart Association, Board of Directors of the Georgia Heart Association and President of the National Association of V.A. Chiefs of Staff. He received the Honors Achievement Award from the Angiology Research Foundation and Award of Merit from the American Heart Association.

He was born in Meridian, Mississippi but lived most of his life in New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon graduating from high school in Selma, Alabama, he entered Tulane University, College of Arts and Sciences on an honors scholarship. He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau, Beta Mu, and inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. While attending Tulane Medical School during WWII, he was on active duty in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). He served his internship in

1945-47 at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. He returned to a fellowship in the Department of Medicine at Tulane where he remained as a teacher involved in research, from 1947-1970 advancing to a full professorship. From 1953-1970 he was also Director of Research and Medical Education at Touro Infirmary. From 1970-1976 he was Chief of Staff at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia and Professor of Medicine and Assistant Dean at the Medical College of Georgia. He returned to New Orleans in 1976 as Associate Chief of Research at the V.A. Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at Tulane. In 1979,

he became Chief of Staff at the V.A. Medical Center and Assistant Dean at Tulane and Professor of Medicine at Louisiana State University school of Medicine until his retirement in 1991. He was also on the staffs of Charity Hospital and Tulane Medical Center Hospital. After retirement, he became Adjunct Professor Emeritus of Applied Health Science in the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

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