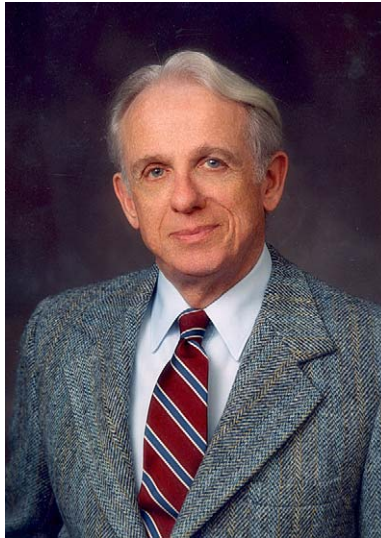


A Tribute to J. Leonard Goldner



J. Leonard Goldner, MD

This issue of the *Hand Clinics* is dedicated to the memory of J. Leonard Goldner, MD, a giant in orthopaedic surgery and hand surgery, who died December 20, 2005, at the age of 87. Dr. Goldner was the James B. Duke Professor and Chief Emeritus of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. Goldner had the unique distinction of serving as president of both the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society. He was a founding member (1954) and past president (1969) of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. He was a founder (1969) and past president (1979) of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, which established in his honor the J. Leonard Goldner Award for outstanding scientific research, given annually. He was an American British Canadian Exchange Orthopaedic Fellow (1955) and president (1987) of the American Orthopaedic Association (AOA), and was awarded its AOA-Smith & Nephew Endoscopy Distinguished Clinician Educator Award in 2004. He was president of

the Southern Medical Association (1970), and was presented the Distinguished Southern Orthopaedist Award by the Southern Orthopaedic Association. He was given the Clinical Orthopaedics Society Nicks Ethics Award in 2004. He was a founding member (1980) and past president (1988) of the Sunderland Society for the Study of Peripheral Nerve. He was a member of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, the Lumbar Spine Society, the International Association for the Study of Pain, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

He and his beloved wife “Ken,” who were married for 61 years, had two sons, Richard (a hand surgeon at Duke), and Steven, and they had three grandchildren. A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Dr. Goldner received a BA degree from the University of Minnesota in 1939 and BS and MD degrees from the University of Nebraska (where he was AOA) in 1943. He served as a medical officer in the US Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He did his orthopaedic residency at

Duke, where one of his assignments was to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation poliomyelitis surgery unit, where he developed a unique experience with polio paralysis. He received orthopaedic residency training at Duke University from 1946 to 1950, after which he joined the Duke orthopaedic surgery staff.

Dr. Goldner served as chief of the Duke Orthopaedics Division from 1967 through 1984, and was awarded the distinguished James B. Duke Professorship in 1979. He founded the Piedmont Orthopaedic Society, the Duke Orthopaedic Alumni Group, in 1951. The J. Leonard Goldner Visiting Professorship of Orthopaedic Surgery was established in his honor in 1992, to bring outstanding professors annually to Duke. Although he retired formally from surgery in 1988, he continued to teach and attend orthopaedic conferences and clinics until just two months before his death from a malignant brain tumor.

An internationally recognized orthopaedic surgeon, well known for his extremely long workdays, Dr. Goldner dedicated his life to teaching orthopaedic surgical principles, mentoring young physicians, and caring for individuals with orthopaedic problems. He is especially known for his expertise in the management of cerebral palsy, children's foot deformities, and hand, upper extremity, spinal, and pain problems. He served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, the *Journal of Hand Surgery*, the *Journal of Foot and Ankle*, and the *Journal of Pain*.

His prodigious interests spanned the entire gamut of orthopaedic and hand surgery. The huge list of the subjects of his lectures and publications reads like the table of contents of a textbook: Tendon Transfers of the Shoulder; Tendon Transfers About the Elbow; Surgery for Clubfoot; Peripheral Nerve Injuries; Surgical Treatment of the Paralytic Hand; Tendon Transfers for Irreparable Nerve Injuries; Tendon Transfers for Irreparable Radial Nerve Injuries; Cerebral Palsy of the Upper Extremity and Hand; Surgery of the Lower Extremity in Cerebral Palsy; Congenital Dislocated Hip; Rheumatoid Arthritis; Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion; Fractures of the Digits and Metacarpals; Osteotomy of the Hip; Implants for the Thumb; Ultraviolet Lights; Electrical Stimulation of Peripheral Nerves for Relief of Intractable Pain; Flexor Tendon Injuries; Total Replacement of the Hip, Antero-lateral Approach; Arthroplasty of the Metacarpophalangeal Joint; Replacement Prosthesis Base of the Thumb; Musculoskeletal

Aspects of Emotional Problems; Anterior Lumbar Fusion; Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy; Osteomyelitis; Spondylolisthesis; The Problem Back; Spinal Cord Injury; Tendon Grafting; The Insensitive Hand; Open Tibial Fractures; Symbiotic, Anaerobic, and Clostridia Infections; Non unions; Peripheral Nerve Gaps; Adolescent and Adult Hallux Valgus; Supracondylar Fractures of the Elbow; Volkmann's Ischemia; Salvage Spine Surgery—The Anterior Approach; Tendon Transfers for Median Nerve Injuries; Congenital Hand Deficits; Arthrogryposis; Flat Foot in Children; Foot deformities in Cerebral Palsy; Lisfranc's Fracture Dislocation; Amputee Prosthetic Teaching and Education; Management of the Spastic Foot; Attitude and Altruism; Ruptured Posterior Tibial Tendon; Triple Arthrodesis; Tendon Transfers About the Shoulder Rather than Arthrodesis for Partial Paralysis; Everything that Tingles in the Hand is not Carpal Tunnel Syndrome; The Distal Ulna; The Development of Hand Surgery in North America—Personal Reflections 1941–1991; The History of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand—Personalities and Personal Recollections. As you can see from this extensive list, he had an enormous breadth and depth of interest and expertise in orthopaedic surgery and hand surgery.

Although Dr. Goldner was a visiting professor and lecturer at many universities throughout the world and published over 350 scientific articles, it is his personal attributes and powerful personality that his residents, fellows, and students will remember most. He insisted that they learn to speak well, as he spoke, convincingly and eloquently. He sat on the front row of every conference, took detailed notes, and asked probing, thought-provoking questions. He conducted a witty, targeted, enthusiastic, and fact-filled preoperative conference lasting until quite late in the evening each weekday night in the Duke outpatient clinic. He wrote his faculty, residents, and fellows "Goldnergrams" and "Goldnerisms," famously written words of advice on orthopaedics and life. Many of these contained sage advice. He was a self-disciplinarian, a dedicated teacher, a tireless surgeon, a respected leader, and above all, a humanitarian.

He was not negative about anyone or anything. He did not believe in wasting time and energy complaining about situations or administrators or imagined competition that we, or he, could not change or control. He was committed to "moving on" in a positive and constructive manner to help others and himself as well. He was never in a hurry

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