

In Memoriam



Mark Cilo MD, 1944–2009

We, the editors, would like to dedicate this special issue of *NeuroRehabilitation* to our friend, mentor, and colleague Dr. Mark Cilo. Dr. Cilo passed away suddenly on July 30, 2009. He was 65 years old.

One of Dr. Cilo's special interests was in the neuroanatomy and function of deeper brain structures, particularly those affecting oculomotility and vision. He recognized years ago the importance of vision in the rehabilitation of individuals with traumatic brain injury, and he founded the vision clinic at Craig Hospital, one of the integral parts of the rehabilitation program to this day. He is remembered as a true physician, who dedicated his life to continually furthering his knowledge, to better serve his patients. Because of this special interest, we wish to dedicate this issue to him.

Dr. Cilo received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Engineering. While he was a tremendous physician, he remained an engineer at heart, and was always contemplating the "way things worked." He went on to obtain his Medical Degree at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and finished a residency in Neurology at Mount Sinai Hospital. He completed a Fellowship in Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation at Craig Hospital, after which he joined the medical staff at Craig. He was board certified in Neurology and had subspecialty certification in Spinal Cord Injury Medicine. He was instrumental in founding the Brain Injury Program and the Brain Injury-Spinal Cord Injury combined program (known as the "SCIP" team) at Craig Hospital, and his neuroanatomic-based model of patient management is still utilized to this day. During the later years of his career, Dr. Cilo took on a primary consulting role in several area hospitals in the Denver area, to assist with establishing new programs in several acute care hospitals and long-term acute care hospitals. He was also active in giving educational seminars to case managers and adjusters in the insurance industry.

Dr. Cilo will also be remembered as a marvelous teacher. His immense knowledge of neuroanatomy made for tremendous education sessions, both at the bedside and during team rounds. He is sorely missed by all of those who had the great fortune of working with him.

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