

José Hyppolito da Silva (1938–2011)

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Born on March 7, 1938, in the city of São Roque (SP), José Hyppolito da Silva graduated at (Figure 1) the Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo (FMUSP) in 1963 (CRM 11301).

He took the first year of medical residency at the Department of Surgery at the Hospital das Clínicas de São Paulo (HC) in 1964. Then, he took the second year at the Department of Gastroenterology, at the 3rd Division of Surgical Practice, headed by Professor Eurico da Silva Bastos. After that, he participated in the Group of Coloproctology, then headed by Professor Daher Elias Cutait, when he also started to help Drs. Felipe José Figliani, Angelino Manzione and Massahiro Ishimoto, who, according to him, helped consolidate his knowledge in this specialty.

However, José Hyppolito always emphasized that Professor Cutait increased his interest in Coloproctology, which led him to become a specialist. Once approved in a contest for assistant physician at the 3rd Division of Surgical Practice in 1967, he decid-



Figure 1. José Hyppolito da Silva in 1963, at his graduation ceremony, at the Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo.

ed to remain in the Group of Coloproctology. And, in the following year, he was approved as a Specialist by the Sociedade Brasileira de Coloproctologia (SBCP).

He traveled to London in 1969 to enrich his knowledge, and he attended a training program at the St. Mark's Hospital, when he had the chance to meet internally renowned professionals, with important roles in the history of Coloproctology, such as Drs. Milligan e Morgan, Lloyd-Davies, Lockhart-Mummery, Avery Jones, Lennard-Jones, Ian Todd, Bussey, Morson, Charles Mann, Thompson, Peter Hawley, Notaras and York-Mason, among others. In this period, he also had the opportunity to attend the Leeds General Infirmary, headed by legendary Dr. John Goligher, and St. Georges' Hospital of London, the service of Dr. Brian Brooke, who suggested maturation with eversion of ileostomy.

He came back to Brazil in 1969, when he was chosen to organize and head the Service of Coloproctology of the Hospital Heliópolis de São Paulo, where he was responsible for the preparation of around 200 resident physicians and interns in this specialty, who became heads of services in São Paulo and other capitals in Brazil.

He simultaneously started to perform professional and educational activities at the HC-FMUSP with Drs. Oscar Simonsen, Jorge Haddad and Angelita Habr-Gama. He has many times the supervisor of the Division of Surgery Practice II at the HC-FMUSP and the director of the Service of Colorectal Surgery in the 1980s, replacing the assistant professor. At the HC, he developed graduation and postgraduate activities at FMUSP. Besides his classes and collaborations

to several courses, he became professor in charge of the course of Large Bowel Neoplasm from 1984 to 1996. At this institution, he was also responsible for the Out-patient Clinic of Bowel Neoplasms until some years ago.

Among his university degrees, José Hyppolito defended his Doctor's Degree at the Faculdade de Medicina at USP in 1972, with the dissertation *Cisto pilonidal sacrococígeo — contribuição ao tratamento cirúrgico pela técnica de incisão e curetagem* (Sacrococcygeal pilonidal cyst — contribution to surgical treatment by incision and curettage)^{1,2}. Later, in 1996, he became the Associate Professor at the same institution^{3,4}.

In the Department of Gastroenterology, he participated for many years in the course of the League for Coloproctology Initiation, the course of Updates in Digestive Tract and Coloproctology (Gastrão) Surgery and the Continuing Course of Coloproctology. Besides his constant participation in infirmary activities at the Service of Colorectal Surgery, visiting patients and taking part in general meetings for the discussion of cases, he also helped resident physicians with pleasure during surgical procedures until some time ago. At the HC-FMUSP, we worked in the last decades under the coordination of several full professors, such as Arrigo Raia, Henrique Walter Pinotti, Joaquim Gama-Rodrigues and Ivan Ceconello. Specifically at the Service of Surgery of the Colon, Rectum and Anus, he worked under the coordination of Professors Daher Elias Cutait, Angelita Habr-Gama, Desidério Roberto Kiss and Sérgio Carlos Nahas.

Among his academic activities, he was an advisor in Master's and Doctor's Degree dissertations and collaborated to several studies, and, for this reason, he was honored by his colleagues at the postgraduate program conclusion. To illustrate that, quotations of some of his colleagues and students under his advisor work are presented here. Dr. Renato Lupinacci (master's degree at the EPM in 1983) thanked him for "being a determinant factor in my professional preparation and for valuable suggestions". For Dr. Raul Cutait (doctor's degree at the FMUSP in 1987), José Hyppolito "dedicated fraternal attitudes and guidance". For Dr. Sylvio de Figueiredo Bocchini (doctor's degree at the FMUSP in 1990), he dedicated "relevant and manifested support". Dr. Goes (doctor's degree at the Universidade Estadual de Campinas – UNI-

CAMP in 1991), defined him as "a master, discerning and clear friend". Fábio Campos (master's degree at the FMUSP in 1992) said that he was a "friend with thought identity". To Dr. Carlos Brunetti (doctor's degree at the FMUSP in 1994), he dedicated "lessons and attention during the years at the Service". Antonio Carlos Donoso defined him as "the professor, friend and advisor, an example of professional and human creature, who always guides my path". Nadim Chater (master's degree at the FMUSP in 2003) defined him as the "master of great wisdom".

Besides his position as the head of the Service of Coloproctology at the Hospital Heliópolis since 1969, he also had important functions at other institutions. He was professor-collaborator of Coloproctology at the Department of Surgical Practice at the School of Medicine in Taubaté (1972 and 1973) and assistant professor at the School of Medicine in Santo Amaro in 1973. Besides, he performed important functions at the School of Medical Sciences in Santos (since 1973), the School of Medicine in ABC (1975 to 1976) and in Bragança Paulista (1978). In June 2000, he became the coordinator of the "Digestive Tract Surgery" course at the School of Medical Sciences in Santos, with dedication to the graduation course and resident physician program. At this school, he was honored by the 2001 class after so much dedication (Figure 2).

After the results of his study developed for the associate professor degree were published, he received the "Pedro de Souza Campos Award" of Coloproctology from the Associação Paulista de Medicina (APM). Later, because of this award, he was invited to be the head of the Department of Coloproctology from the Associação Paulista de Medicina in 1998 and 1999. At this institution, he organized courses in the city of São Paulo and



Figure 2. "Zezo", in 2001.

other cities of the State, such as the Course of Coloproctology Update, held at the head office of the APM and that originated the book “Coloproctology Manual”.

He had a dynamic scientific activity, with many studies published in Brazil and in international journals, as well as book chapters, as author and coauthor⁵⁻⁸. He contributed to several medical journals as the member of the SBCP Journal Editorial Council, *Gastroenterologia e Endoscopia Digestiva (GED)* journal, the Brazilian Medical Association journal and the International Journal of Colorectal Disease.

Although he was an active member of various medical associations, he was better known within the sphere of the SBCP. In 1990 and 1991, he intensively dedicated to the chairman position, when a congress organized by him gathered more than 700 participants. He was also a member of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS). In the professional perspective, he saw patients in his private office at Rua Frei Caneca and performed surgeries especially at the Hospital Sírio-Libanês de São Paulo, where he also became assistant of the Board and editor of the Research Center.

José Hyppolito was called Zezo by his close friends. Everywhere he developed his activities, he was recognized as a cordial, considerate, correct, honest and delicate man. When he requested his retirement at the Hospital Heliópolis, in 1998, he received many manifestations of recognition from students and

colleagues, “for the example of work and teaching with competence, ethics and dedication for 30 years”.

Although he bravely fought for his health in his last year of life, dear Zezo died on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, and was buried in São Roque, his hometown, where Papelaria Silva (a stationery store) still exists, which was owned by his father, Hyppolito da Silva.

José Hyppolito dedicated very much to his family, especially to his wife Rosaly (Figure 3), with whom he used to go dancing in social events, such as wedding and congress parties. They have four children: Vanessa, André, Fábio and Marcos Hyppolito (who is a coloproctologist).

José Hyppolito is a name of honor and respect, above all, and he leaves well trained disciples, a happy family and, certainly, many people who miss him.

One of the saddest phenomena of modern society, especially in the medical area, is the little attention to individually memories. A human being’s memory should be valued and preserved, and that was the reason of this report.



Figure 3. José Hyppolito in 1991, when he was the Chairman of the Sociedade Brasileira de Coloproctologia, with his wife Rosaly.

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