Siegfried J. Thannhauser, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Siegfried Thannhauser was a brilliant clinician and stimulating teacher who was popular with students, house officers, and faculty. He was also considered to be a world authority on diseases of fat metabolism.

A native of Germany, Dr. Thannhauser held M.D. (1909) and Ph.D. (1913) degrees from the University of Munich. After serving as a physician in World War I, he was appointed professor of internal medicine and chief of university clinics at some of Germany's leading medical schools: Heidelberg (1924-1927); Dusseldorf (1927-1930); and Freiberg (1930-1934). He eventually attained a reputation as one of Germany's leading clinicians.

Fearing that he was a potential target of the Nazis, Dr. Thannhauser emigrated to the United States in 1934 and subsequently accepted a position at the Boston Dispensary, where he established a research laboratory and became involved in patient care. He was also appointed an associate professor at Tufts that year; in 1938 he was promoted to professor.

Dr. Thannhauser retired in 1950 and died in 1962.