Dr. Siegfried J. Thannhauser

Dr. Thannhauser was born in Germany and received his M.D. degree in 1909 and his PhD. degree in chemistry in 1913 from the University of Munich. Following services as a physician in World War I, he was appointed Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of University Clinics at leading medical schools in Germany: Heidelberg, 1924-1927; Dusseldorf, 1927-1930; and Freiberg, 1930-1934. As a result of Germany's leadership clinicians, he was a target of the Nazi's, so in 1934 he left Germany and came to Boston where he not only established a new research laboratory but was much involved in patient care at the Boston Dispensary. He was an associate professor at our School from 1934 to 1938 and clinical professor from 1938 to 1950. By 1950 he was considered the world's authority on diseases of fat metabolism.

A brilliant clinician and teacher, he was very popular with the medical students, house officers and colleagues.

He died on December 18, 1962, at the age of 77.

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