**Alice Ettinger, M.D.**

Dr. Alice Ettinger was a highly regarded teacher and radiologist who devoted many years of service to Tufts and the New England Medical Center.

A native of Germany, Dr. Ettinger graduated from the Albert Ludwig University School of Medicine in Freiburg in 1924. She began her medical career as a resident at the Fredrick Wilhelm University in Berlin, where she worked with Dr. Hans H. Berg, world-renowned for his revolutionary gastrointestinal x-ray techniques. Dr. Berg designed and built a "spot-film device"—a machine capable of recording a fluoroscopic image on x-ray film.

In 1932 Dr. Joseph Pratt of Tufts and the New England Medical Center became aware of Dr. Berg’s work as a result of his correspondence with Professor Morawitz of the University Hospital in Leipzig. He subsequently tried to persuade Dr. Berg to lend the New England Medical Center a spot-film device as well as the services of one of his associates. As a result, Dr. Ettinger was sent to Boston with the device later that year. She introduced a program of modern gastro-intestinal radiology to the Boston Dispensary—and the nation—not long afterwards.

Dr. Ettinger served as roentgenologist to the Boston Dispensary from 1932 to 1939, when she became radiologist-in-chief of both the dispensary and the New England Medical Center Hospital. In 1945 she introduced and developed the first Tufts radiology residency program, and in 1959 she was appointed professor and chair of the medical school's Department of Radiology. Her enthusiasm for radiology was passed on to her many students and trainees. Moreover, each year she was presented with a faculty teaching award by the medical school's graduating class.

In 1965 Dr. Ettinger retired as chair, but continued as an active radiologist and teacher. At the age of seventy-one, she accepted a new position as director of student teaching in which she oversaw all aspects of the school's radiology teaching program; in addition, she herself taught a popular fourth-year elective.

Throughout her career Dr. Ettinger remained involved in the exploration of new frontiers of knowledge, yet she always provided a model for students and residents in her compassionate care of patients. She finally gave up her teaching activities in 1985 at the age of eighty-six; two years later she was awarded a gold medal by the American College of Radiology in recognition of her extraordinary accomplishments.

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