
Obituary



Bernard Schwartz

Professor Bernard Schwartz - glaucoma specialist, founding chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Tufts-New England Medical Center, and Editor-in-Chief of two ophthalmology journals - died on November 10, 2007, at age of 79 of a recently diagnosed cancer. Dr. Schwartz was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in 1927. He received his medical degree from the University of Toronto in 1951, then undertook postgraduate training at the University of Iowa, where he completed his ophthalmology residency in 1955 and then earned his PhD in physiology in 1959. From 1960 to 1968, he conducted research and clinical practice in the New York area. In 1968, he joined the faculty and staff of the Tufts–New England Medical Center where he established and chaired the Department of Ophthalmology until 1990. As a glaucoma specialist, Dr. Schwartz conducted many studies related to the endocrine aspects of that disease. In the early 1970s, he began developing methods to document glaucomatous changes in the eye structure by manually drawing diagrams of the back of the eye meticulously labeled with numerical descriptions of their characteristics. These same concepts were later incorporated into advanced technological methods. Dr. Schwartz contributed many journal articles and book chapters to the medical literature. In 1968, when *Survey of Ophthalmology* was a little-known journal that published abstracts, Dr. Schwartz became its Editor-in-Chief. He changed its focus from abstracts to comprehensive, literature-based articles written by experts on currently important topics. The journal has become a leading journal in the field, and because of its outstanding educational value, it was sometimes referred to as the “Bible” of ophthalmology education. He later founded another journal, *Comprehensive Ophthalmology Update*. He served as Editor-in-Chief of both journals until his death. Active in many ophthalmologic organizations, he received the Presidential Award from the American Glaucoma Society in March 2007. He was the beloved husband of Marcia (Struhl) of Boston; devoted father of Ariane Schwartz of Boston, MA, Jennifer Schwartz of San Francisco, CA, Karen Schwartz of Los Angeles, CA, and Lawrence Schwartz of Connecticut; and loving brother of Dr. Harvey Schwartz and his wife Fran of Toronto, Canada.

Prof. Schwartz has been a distinguished member of our reviewers' board for many years and we are all very grateful for his outstanding participation to the life and growth of our Journal.