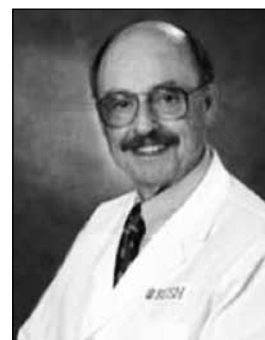


Jorge O. Galante, MD

Professor, Rush University Medical Center (1934-2017)



Jorge Galante passed away on February 9th, 2017, in his beloved home on Sannibel Island, in Florida, US, at eighty-two years of age.

For all us who have had the honor and the privilege of knowing him, learning from him and working with him, this has been a gloomy piece of news and a great loss.

He was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1934. He attended the Buenos Aires National College and, afterwards, the Buenos Aires University's School of Medicine where he graduated with honors. In 1958 he left for the United States, where first at the Michael Resse Hospital and then at the Chicago University Hospital completed his residence in Orthopedics. From 1964 on, throughout three years, he worked on a specialization in Research at Gothenburg University, Sweden, where he got a doctoral degree. In 1968 he went back to Chicago and worked at the Illinois University Hospital, where in 1972 was appointed Orthopedics Chief of Department at the then Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center (today Rush University Medical Center).

This journey laid the foundations for his successful profession—he was an excellent internist, a skilled orthopedic surgeon and a researcher. He also grasped what he never got tired to pass on: team work, education and spread of knowledge, generating numberless followers among whom we Argentines were a lot, because he was extremely receptive to his fellow countrymen, flinging his Orthopedics Department's doors open for us as fellows, researchers or just visitors. He was always there to greet us and train us if necessary. We all have to acknowledge that colleagues from all over the world visited his place.

His contributions to Orthopedics outline him as a 20th Century pioneer and master, especially in the area of hip and knee joint reconstruction. He was acknowledged widely both at global and local levels. Joining research and medical care concepts he directed and led the teams that designed some of the most significant hip and knee prosthesis of his time, such as the Harris-Galante I and II hip prostheses, the Trilogy cotyle and the Versys femoral prosthesis, both currently in use. As for the knee, he also led the teams which designed the Miller-Galante I and II, and the NexGen knee prosthesis.

Among his main contributions to Orthopedics is his work on titanium netting for prosthesis coverage, what allowed designers to develop cementless hip and knee prosthesis, also currently used.

More than 220 works published in peer-reviewed journals, as well as his participation in 30 books chapters show his prolific work of information and spread of knowledge.

He lived his affectionate family life with his wife Sofija—who he married in 1963 and who passed away in 2010—with his son Charles and his four grandchildren in Chicago, Sannibel, Florida, and his farmhouse in Wisconsin. He travelled to Argentina frequently, not only to participate actively in national forums and congresses, but also to visit his Mendoza winery.

He loved horseback riding, but he also suffered a spine chronic condition; thus, he was set out to breed horses, Peruvian Horses with his smooth stepping, what allowed him to ride them. He did so with his usual intensity and passion—he had a breeding stable in his farmhouse, which gave several first-quality specimens.

A staunch advocate of healthy life, he went running in the morning even during the cruel Chicago winter. On the other hand, dining with him was a “torment”, because it was typical of him to ask the waiter for “boiled vegetables and fish, with no sauce!” He chose the best wines, he was a great *connoisseur*.

We will miss him.

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