OBITUARY

Gordon M. Martin, MD

ORDON M. MARTIN, MD, who served as president of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (now the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine) in 1955-56, died July 2 in Rochester, MN. A 1985 recipient of ACRM's coveted Gold Key Award, he was Emeritus Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Mayo Medical School at the time of his death.

Dr. Martin retired in 1992 from the position of Executive Director of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation after having served in that capacity for 15 years. During his tenure, more than 2,500 physiatrists were certified as Diplomates of the Board. He, too, was a Diplomate, having been in the first group of physiatrists to be certified as specialists in the field of PM&R in 1947—the Board’s first year of existence.

A native of Boston, Dr. Martin earned his medical degree at the University of Nebraska in 1940 and served a residency in internal medicine and physical medicine at the Mayo Foundation for three years. At the University of Kansas, where he was the first physiatrist on staff, he established a PM&R residency and a school of physical therapy.

In 1947 he returned to the Mayo Clinic, where he eventually served as Chairman of the Department of PM&R for 10 years. He achieved emeritus status at the Clinic in 1981 after 34 years of service.

Dr. Martin was Chairman of the American Medical Association’s Section Council for PM&R from 1970 to 1976; he was Chairman of the Residency Review Committee for PM&R from 1975 to 1981, and was an ex officio member of the Committee through 1992.

Active in the affairs of the American Academy of PM&R, he was given its Distinguished Member Award in 1994 for providing “invaluable service to the specialty of PM&R” through his participation in PM&R-related organizations other than the Academy.

Dr. Martin is survived by his wife, Neva, and three sons—Richard, Lawrence, and Douglas.