



ERIK SEVERIN

IN MEMORIAM

Erik Seyerin, Professor of Orthopaedics, University of Gothenburg, died on February 26 at the age of 51.

After a fundamental training in general surgery under Professor Einar Key he became associated early in his carrier with the Orthopaedic Department of the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, where he served as an assistant, junior and associate-senior surgeon from 1937–1946. Under the stimulating direction of Henning Waldenström Erik Severin became interested in orthopaedic problems of congenital dislocations of the hip and his thesis in 1941 may be regarded as a keystone in our knowledge of this disease. He made arthrography of the hip a useful clinical method, and his review of the end-results provided a reliable guide to treatment of diseases of the hip.

After being appointed associate-senior surgeon and, later, head of the Department of Orthopaedics in Gothenburg his scientific contributions to orthopaedic surgery diminished owing to so much of his time being required for administration. It was largely on account of his work that it was decided to institute a professorship of orthopaedics in

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Gothenburg, and he was the first to occupy that chair. After his return from postgraduate work in U.S.A. in 1946, he spent much time on problems of rehabilitation and did much to improve the care and management of children with cerebral palsy. For several years and still at the time of his death he had been General Secretary of the Scandinavian Orthopaedic Association.

Erik Severin was unusually well equipped, he had many interests and possessed extensive knowledge. Although his contributions to orthopaedics were wide and varied, he will be best remembered for his personal characteristics and his kindness.

The loss of Erik Severin is deeply felt by his colleagues, patients and friends.

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