Israel Kapnick, Surgeon, Dies

Cancer Consultant to R.I. Health Dept. Was in 46th Year

Dr. Israel H. Kapnick, 45, a Providence surgeon, died yesterday after a short illness at Rhode Island Hospital. He lived at 2 Brookway Rd.

He was a cancer consultant to the state Department of Health and a member of the staffs of Miriam, Chapin and Roger Williams General Hospitals. He had been associated in the general practice of surgery since 1944.



Dr. Israel H. Kapnick

In a paper he read at the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research in 1957, Dr. Kapnick announced that he had devised a quick diagnostic method of early detection of some forms of cancer while they still may be amenable to treatment. He had used the test on some 500 persons.

He discovered that the existence of so-called metastic cancer (malignancy which is no longer confined to a single organ but spreading) of the bone can be established by the presence of certain enzymes in the spinal fluid.

The practical importance of the discovery, according to Dr. Kapnick, was that cancer could be detected five or six months before it would be possible to pick up the malignancy through X rays.

He was a graduate of Classical High School, Brown University, Class of 1933, and Harvard University Medical School, Class of 1938.

Dr. Kapnick was a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society and the American Medical Association, a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a member of the Inter-Society of the Cytology Council. He also contributed numerous articles on cancer research to medical journals.

He was born in Providence, Feb. 27, 1913, a son of Mrs. Sophie Kapnick and the late Benjamin Kapnick.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Martha (Shaulson), a son, Samuel, and a sister, Mrs. Harry Stutman of Providence.

Funeral services will be held today at 1:30 a. the Max Sugarman Funeral Home, 458 Hope St., at Doyle Avenue.

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