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LITCHMAN, Dr. David

Dr. David Litchman dies; physician 35 years

Dr. David Litchman, 72, of 19 Gorton St., a Providence physician 35 years, died Friday in the Jane Brown unit of Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of May (Caslowitz) Lichtman.

He began his career as a pharmacist, not entering medical school until he was past 30 years old.

He graduated from the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, now at the University of Rhode Island, was a pharmacist, and then became state toxicologist in 1928, a post he held six years, before entering medical school.

He did his medical studies at Tufts University Medical School, from which he received his degree in 1937.

He served his internship and medical residency at Boston City Hospital before returning to practice in Rhode Island. He continued as a teaching fellow and instructor in medicine at Tufts Medical School until 1951.

Dr. Litchman served with the Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was chief of medical service of the 49th General Hospital until his discharge as a lieutenant colonel in 1946.

He was a staff member of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, where he was a former president of the medical staff. He also served as a consultant to the Charles V. Chapin Hospital and Woonsocket Hospital.



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Dr. Litchman was a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Society and the Providence Medical Society. His memberships also included the New England Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, the American Society of Internal Medicine and Jenks Lodge, F & AM.

Born in Woonsocket, he was a son of the late Henry and Zelda (Yaraus) Litchman.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Dr. Henry M. Litchman of Providence, and three grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held today at 3 p.m. in Temple Emanu-El, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.