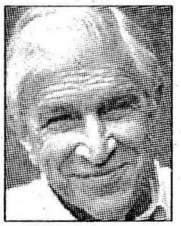
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Dr. Myron Stein; pulmonary expert, early leader at Brown Med School

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Myron Stein, 78, of Beverly Hills, Calif., formerly of Providence, a pioneer in pulmonary medicine who helped to develop the Brown University Medical School, died yesterday at home of pancreatic cancer.



Dr. Stein had invented the first carbon-dioxide analyzer, and had performed important early research into the causes and effects of pulmonary embolism. He was also a forerunner in asthma research.

He had taught courses in pulmonary medicine at Harvard Medical School while serving as chief of the thoracic clinic at Beth Israel Hospital, in Boston.

Dr. Stein later helped to develop the Brown University School of Medicine, where he had served as an associate physician-in-chief of the Department of Medicine and a professor of medical science.

He had also served as the director of the Division of Pulmonary Diseases at Rhode Island Hospital, in Providence, and medical director of the hospital's School of Ventilation Therapy, and had been a consulting physician at the former Veterans Administration Hospital, now the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, in the city's Davis Park.

In 1969, he was named physician-in-chief at the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, in Pawtucket.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Stein had maintained a pulmonary medical practice in Beverly Hills and Culver City, Calif., and had been serving as codirector of the Department of Pulmonary Medicine at the Brotman Medical Center.

Dr. Stein was often asked to lecture throughout the world. He was the coeditor of a number of pulmonary medicine textbooks, and the author of numerous articles.

Active in many organizations, he was the president of the California Thoracic Society, and had served on the board of directors of the American Lung Association of Los Angeles County and the board of overseers of Tufts University. He had also served on many committees for the National Institutes of Health, and had been the chairman of the PIOPED study for diagnosing pulmonary embolism.

Dr. Stein was the husband of Alice Stein, and previously, of the late Pauline Stein. Born in Chelsea, Mass., a son of the late Isadore and Sarah Stein, he had lived in Providence from 1965 until 1972, when he moved to California.

A 1942 graduate of the Boston Latin School, he graduated from Dartmouth College in 1946, and received his M.D. from Tufts University in 1952.

Besides his wife, he leaves four daughters, Lisa Stein of Brooklyn, N.Y., Susan Stein of LaCanada, Calif., Amy Weinberg of Brentwood, Calif., and Laurie Stein of Coral Gables, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Courtney Lima in London, England; a stepson, Todd Meyers of New York City; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Thursday in Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Los Angeles, Calif.