

## Obituary

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DR ALBERT SEGALOFF, a pioneer in the hormonal treatment of advanced breast cancer, died on 26 February 1985 at his home in a New Orleans suburb after a brief illness. He was 68 yr old.

He helped develop a treatment for breast cancer that did not have the usual masculinizing effects of hormones. He also did much of the basic scientific research into the metabolism of estrogen.

He received his bachelor's degree from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut and his MD degree from Wayne State University, College of Medicine in Detroit, MI.

In 1951 he was awarded the distinguished Ciba Award from the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions (now the Endocrine Society). In 1966 he was awarded the Wayne State University College of Medicine Distinguished Citation. He was a member of numerous national and international committees concerned with basic and clinical research in oncology and endocrinology.

Dr Segaloff was director of endocrine research and head of the oncology program at the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation in New Orleans, where he had worked for 40 yr.

We in Brussels have reason to remember his professional competence and generosity: the first randomized clinical trials on breast cancer in Europe were carried out by our group in 1959 at his suggestion, and with his help and that of George Escher. Thus he initiated in Europe what was to become later the clinical trials of the EORTC and its Data Center.

Al Segaloff was also an attentive and perceptive referee for the *European Journal of Cancer & Clinical Oncology* and the editor and editorial board are much indebted to him.

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