

In memoriam: Professor Radu Voiosu

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On January 27, 2024, Professor Radu Voiosu passed away unexpectedly.

Professor Radu Voiosu belongs to the golden generation of the Colentina Clinical Hospital, a medical facility with a century and a half tradition that was developed in the middle of the last century into a national and international notoriety traditional learning facility, research and care center by Academician N.Gh. Lupu. His successor, Academician Professor Ioan Emil Bruckner continued and perfected the scientific and spiritual legacy left by Professor Lupu. Careful in selecting his collaborators, Professor Bruckner welcomed the young Doctor Radu Voiosu to the clinic in 1973. He remained until his last moments a devoted disciple of his master, whom he always considered the supreme model. Educated in the holistic spirit of Internal Medicine, Dr. Voiosu turns towards the specialty that will become his recognized passion and expertise: gastroenterology. He created one of the first national laboratory for the digestive endoscopy within the Medical Clinic, equipped at that time with the contribution of Professor Simion Purice (the future leader of the clinic). After 1990, several specialized clinical departments were created within the Medical Clinic, with the Gastroenterology department being led by Professor Voiosu. From that moment on, his activity will be focused on three levels: medical progress of the department, professional training and scientific research. Radu managed to bring the endoscopy laboratory to European standards, comparable to other reference centers in Romania, he brought new techniques to endoscopic practice and dedicated a significant amount of time to medical training, both for students and, above all, for continuous improvement. His students are today renowned professors and specialists in gastroenterology. They benefited not only from the personal guidance of Professor Voiosu, but also from his recommendations for their international training. Tirelessly, he did not limit himself to the Hospital where he worked and to which he was spiritually connected (like his entire generation), but created modern gastroenterology departments in other cities of the country. His activity did not stop for a moment, even after his retirement, continuing to provide healthcare for his patients and also to lead Ph.D. students.

Radu was to the greatest extent a self-taught, but perfectly up to date with everything that was new in gastroenterology, as well as in internal medicine. He was a good colleague, a friend and I shared moments with him that remain indelible in my memory. He sometimes had a severity typical of a man with strong principles, fact that always imposed respect.

With the departure of Radu Voiosu, Colentina loses one of the pillars that made it famous, gastroenterology loses a leader, we lose a friend, but the memory of the generations to come is enriched with the portrait of a bright model of rigor and devotion.