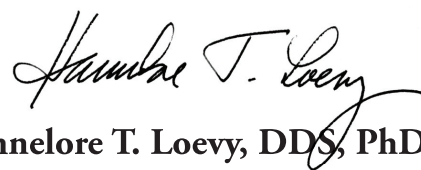


Robert Gorlin 1923–2006

Recently dentistry and pediatric dentistry in particular lost an exceptional investigator, clinician, geneticist, and scientist. Bob Gorlin has studied and identified craniofacial disorders, genetic defects and syndromes for the last 50 years. Some of the syndromes bear his name. His book *"Syndromes of the Head and Neck"* now in its fourth edition is one of the most authoritative book on the subject and an important work in the field. It is consulted whenever a "dictionary" is needed in order to help and care for a patient. Bob received his DDS degree from Washington University School of Dentistry in 1947 and his MS degree from the University of Iowa in 1956. He then joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota dental school. At the time of his death he was UM Regents Professor Emeritus of Oral Pathology together with other titles in other departments. Because of his outstanding contributions to the study of craniofacial anomalies and genetics defects over the years, Bob received honorary doctoral degrees from a number of different universities around the world.

In 2003 Bob received the American Dental Association's Gold Medal award for Excellence in Dental Research and the 1995 Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research. He frequently traveled around the world and visited Baurú's Center for Rehabilitation of Craniofacial Anomalies (Centro de reabilitação labiopalatal) at the University of São Paulo, better known as the "Centrinho". The center is a clinic where many individuals from Brazil and all over the world come to get treatment and help for facial anomalies. These visits allowed Bob to better understand the field and be of great help to the patients. This issue of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* includes several papers discussing treatment and help of patients with the conditions studied by Bob and his colleagues during the many years of his professional activity. His kind and compassionate concern with the well being of the patients and availability and his generous help and guidance will be missed.



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