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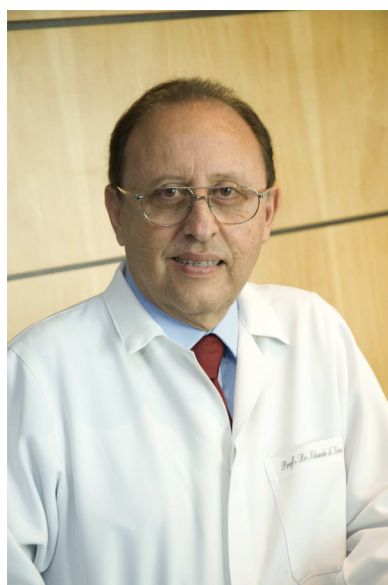
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## Obituary

### Moment of silence<sup>☆</sup>

### Minuto de silêncio



On March 1, Prof. Dr. Eduardo Álvaro Vieira passed away. In 1971, he was the first orthopedics and traumatology resident of the Sorocaba Medical School of the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), of which he became a professor in the same year. He was a pupil of Professor Luiz Gustavo Wertheimer, became interested in knee surgery and conducted extensive anatomical studies on this joint, from which he defended his master's dissertation "Anatomofunctional basis of the knee joint" and his doctoral thesis "Distal insertions of the semimembranosus muscle", both of them in 1980. He was one of the pioneers of the arthroscopic technique in Brazil and was also one of the founder members of the Brazilian Society of Knee Surgery, in 1983. In 1985, he was a trainee in the Hughston Clinic with Dr. Jack Hughston and

Dr. James Andrews. In 1995, even though he had already become established as a teacher, he again went abroad, to France, where he followed activities at the clinic of Professor Henri Dejour and from where he brought back new concepts from the French School.

In 2001, he sat a competitive examination for the title of titular professor and was approved by the board of examiners, which included the late Prof. Dr. José Laredo Filho and Prof. Dr. Édie Benedito Caetano.

He contributed towards the human and orthopedic training of many students and orthopedics residents over the 40 years in which he was a teacher.

He had several studies published in the *Revista Brasileira de Ortopedia* and one study published in the journal *Arthroscopy*, with his son Dr. Eduardo Luís Cruells Vieira (also an orthopedist) and with Prof. Dr. Moisés Cohen.

If medicine in general and orthopedics in particular were his art, the knee joint was his passion. He easily got carried away in explaining the mechanism of automatic rotation or of the screw, rolling/sliding and insertions of the semimembranosus or popliteal muscle. Moreover, he said that the knee served not only to bear weight but also to supplicate. A way of bringing ourselves closer to God.

His last words were *joelho, rodilla, knee, genou*.

Dr. Eduardo, rest in peace.

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