

OBITUARIES

Roberto Nuñez Andrade, M.D.

1905–1979



Dr. Roberto Nuñez Andrade was born in Huejutla, Hidalgo, Mexico on 7 June 1905. His parents were Francisco Nuñez and Eva Andrade.

After beginning his studies in his hometown, he came to Mexico City to study medicine at the National School of Medicine of the University of Mexico from which he graduated on 17 June 1930.

Dr. Nuñez Andrade became interested in dermatology while in attendance at the Dermatological Service of the General Hospital of Mexico under the guidance of Professor Salvador González Herrejon. In 1936, he joined Dr. Fernando Latapí in founding the Mexican Society of Dermatology and later became its Fifth President. In 1937, following special exams, he was appointed Head of the Leprosy Pavillion at the General

Hospital of Mexico and from 1939–1942 served as the first Director of Leprosaria "Dr. Pedro López." In 1947, he was admitted as a Member of the National Academy of Medicine and worked at the Children's Hospital, Juarez Hospital, and the Anticancer Dispensary. Additionally, he served as Professor of Dermatology at the University of Mexico and the Politechnic National Institute from 1940 until his death.

Dr. Nuñez Andrade attended several congresses in different countries and published many papers on different topics. He was interested in leprosy, genodermatosis, and especially, dermatozoonosis. In 1944, he described the so-called "dermatitis moluscoide," produced by a new species of trombidiae, *Euschöngastia nuñezihoffman*.

Dr. Nuñez Andrade died on 5 January 1979. He must be considered one of the first Mexican dermatologists trained in Mexico and a pioneer of Mexican dermatology.

—Amado Saúl