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**Frederick D. Malkinson, M.D., D.M.D. Honored by Dermatology Foundation as
2005 Lifetime Career Educator**

Frederick D. Malkinson, M.D., D.M.D., Chairman Emeritus, Department of Dermatology, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, has been named 2005 **Lifetime Career Educator** by the Dermatology Foundation. The Award will be presented to Dr. Malkinson at the Dermatology Foundation's Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 4, 2006, during the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology in San Francisco, CA.

Dr. Malkinson is one of only seven dermatologists to be honored with this award, which recognizes full-time academicians who have dedicated their careers to educating dermatology residents and fellows. In his 50-plus years as an academic dermatologist, Dr. Malkinson has built a reputation as a dedicated mentor and role model for dermatology residents, fellows and faculty members as well as medical students and internal medicine trainees.

In the late 1940s, Dr. Malkinson enrolled in a new six-year D.M.D.-M.D. program that had just begun at Harvard. The initial two years of this program were devoted to basic medical sciences. Thereafter, he moved to the dental school during which time he began assisting in the detailed documentation of patients with soft-tissue diseases of the mouth that also affect the skin. "I got hooked on this," recalls Dr. Malkinson. "Once I realized that I was much more interested in medicine than in dentistry, I switched my career goal." Not surprisingly, when it came time to choose a specialty, he chose dermatology.

Dr. Malkinson completed his dermatology residency at the University of Chicago in 1954, and influenced by his training there, he further focused his career in dermatology by accepting the position of assistant professor. In addition to his research pursuits, he helped teach the widely popular elective course in dermatology to medical students. "I was able to bring some of my research into the classroom," Dr. Malkinson says, "and found it especially enjoyable trying to relate basic research findings to the bedside."

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His long association with Rush University Medical Center began in 1968 when he became founding chair of the department of dermatology. During the next three years, Dr. Malkinson established the residency training program, and the department was on its way to becoming a leader in dermatology. As chair, he maintained his personal and very satisfying involvement in teaching residents through the Residents Clinic where he teamed-up with the many former residents who, as clinical dermatologists, volunteered their time to teach both dermatology residents and medical students.

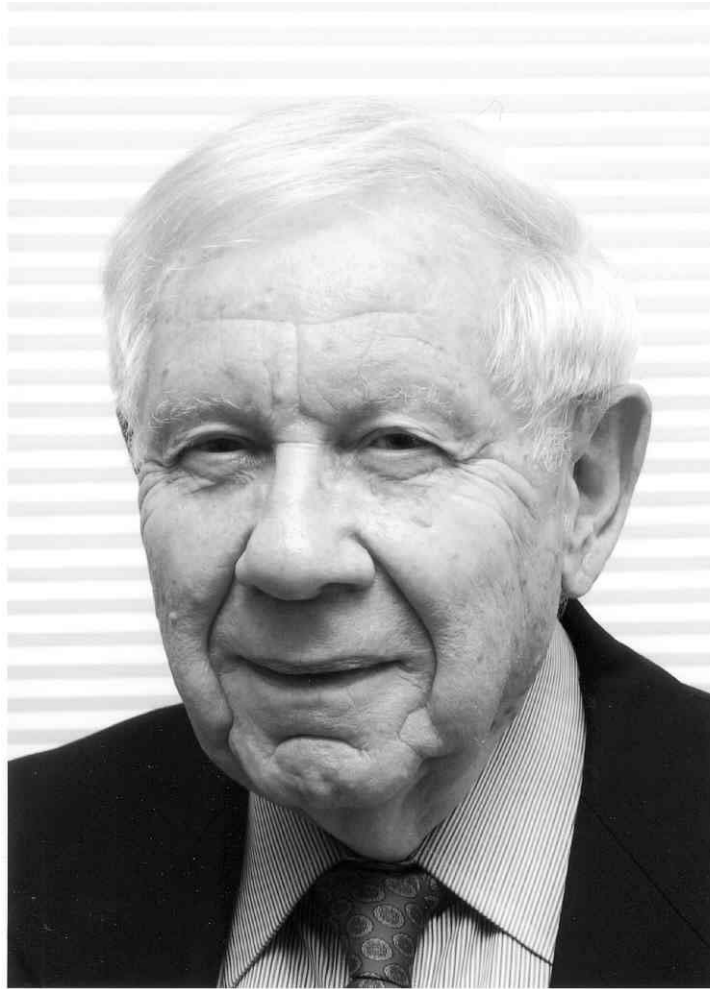
Beyond the scope of academic medicine, Dr. Malkinson's keen interest in dermatology education extended to the entire specialty. Starting with his first effort as a member of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), he spent a decade as chair of a committee charged with developing more effective audio-visual teaching aids for students and residents. His work continued when he assumed a leadership role in the new Sulzberger Institute for Dermatologic Communication and Education. Formed in 1983, the Institute merged with the AAD five years later. As a result of this merger, negotiated by Dr. Malkinson, audio-visual programs linking basic science findings with clinical diseases were distributed to training centers across the country. At the start of his tenure on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professors of Dermatology in 1982, Dr. Malkinson again demonstrated his commitment to dermatology education by founding the National Residency Matching Program. With this, dermatology became the first medical specialty to have a successful matching program. Dr. Malkinson also brought his deep commitment to dermatologic research and education to his leadership of the Dermatology Foundation where he served as president from 1983 to 1985.

Characterizing Dr. Malkinson's approach to clinical and research problems as "thoughtful and scholarly", Michael D. Tharp, M.D., Dr. Malkinson's successor as both chair and Clark W. Finnerud Professor of Dermatology at Rush University Medical Center, goes on to say that "I believe it is his inherent inquisitive nature that motivates Fred to learn and teach at our weekly grand rounds. He is truly an inspiration to all of those who have committed their careers to understanding and teaching dermatology."

The Dermatology Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization created in 1964 by concerned dermatologists to provide a national organization for advancing patient care by supporting the early career development of the next generation of researchers and teachers in medical and surgical dermatology. The Foundation, second only to the federal government as a source of funding for investigative dermatology, seeks the support of individual dermatologists and the cosmetic, pharmaceutical and surgical industries to accomplish its mission by allocating single and multi-year awards through its Research Awards Program.

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