Obituary

Dr Richard C. Schneider, M.D.

Dr Schneider, Professor Emeritus, and former Head of Neurosurgery in the University of Michigan Medical School died on June 9th, 1986. Dick Schneider was a most distinguished neurosurgeon who made many significant contributions to his specialty, especially concerning spinal injuries. Thus he was the first person to describe the anterior cord syndrome, in 1951, and the central cord syndrome in 1954. Then, with Dr Kenneth Livingston and others he described the mechanism of the 'hangman's fracture'. He was greatly concerned with the mechanism and prevention of sports injuries, especially of the cervical spine, and was instrumental in changing some of the rules in sport, and in particular American football, and helped to develop a much safer football helmet. Like myself, many doctors got to know him as a wonderful friend and an excellent host.

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