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Dr John Young, M.D.: Medallist—International Medical Society of Paraplegia

DR JOHN S. YOUNG received his medical training at the University of Colorado School of Medicine followed by internship and later fellowship in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado Medical Center. His medical training followed his military service from which he was discharged with the rank of Major having received a Bronze Star and five battle stars. John became Medical Director of Craig Hospital and initiated the Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Program in 1957. At that time, Craig Hospital was located on the outskirts of Denver in an old and rather debilitated tuberculosis sanatorium. This humble

beginning led to the recognition of Craig Hospital as one of outstanding rehabilitation facilities in the United States. In 1963 he was named Physician of the Year by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

In 1968 he moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he became Director of the Spinal Injury Service at Good Samaritan Hospital. He received the Silver Plate Award in Medicine in 1973 and the Gil Moss Award of Merit for Care in 1976. Both of these awards were presented by the National Paraplegia Foundation. In the early 1970's he was instrumental in the planning and organisation of the American Spinal Injury Association and remains a member of the Board of Directors. He became Director of the National Spinal Cord Injury Data Research Center in 1975 and later in 1978 he became the Executive Editor of the Model Systems' Spinal Cord Injury Digest. John has been a member of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia since 1963 and currently functions on its Council and is the USA Correspondence Secretary.

He has received numerous other awards, titles, and commendations. Perhaps the most meaningful are those presented by his peers. The 'John S. Young, M.D. Annual Lectureship' was established at Craig Hospital in April 1977, honouring John for his outstanding achievement and pioneering in the area of spinal cord injury. In May 1980, he was given a citation and commemorative plaque for contributions to the establishment of the American Spinal Injury Association and care of spinal cord injury in the United States. He was presented with the Annual Medal by the International Medical Society of Paraplegia in 1980 for outstanding service in the field of spinal cord injury. John's knowledge, experience, and contagious enthusiasm have made him both a role model and recognised leader in the treatment of patients with spinal cord injury.

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