



Obituary – Eurico Silveira Camargo Neto (1954-2023)

Born in March 10th, 1954 in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil, Eurico Silveira Camargo Neto graduated in Pharmacy and Biochemistry in the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) in 1980. He obtained a MSc degree in Biochemistry at UFRGS in 1983, and became very active in the field of clinical pathology, working for several years in the biggest pediatric hospital of Porto Alegre (Hospital da Criança Santo Antonio). At some point he concentrated his activity in immunoassays and became the chief biochemist of the Nobel RIE Laboratory, in Porto Alegre. Through the work in immunoassays for thyroid hormones, he was attracted by neonatal screening, and soon became the chief biochemist of the Neonatal Screening Center – CTN, based in Porto Alegre but with national reach. CTN became, under Eurico technical leadership, one of the most active laboratories in this field in Brazil. In the 90's, along with other partners, he founded one of the first laboratories dedicated to genetic diseases in Brazil, the DNA4. Noteworthy, Eurico highly valued two topics: quality and innovation. He was one of the pioneers in Brazil in submitting his NBS program to the quality control program provided by CDC, and developed several innovative methods to detect diseases in newborns, with major contributions in the field of infectious diseases. In fact, in 2004 he obtained a PhD degree at UFRGS with a thesis on newborn screening of toxoplasmosis, which was recently adopted as a screening target by the Brazilian newborn screening program. In the last years he became a consultant and advisor for an important laboratory in Brazil, DLE, also very active in the field of newborn screening. Despite a severe road accident, he suffered in 1994, with severe movement restrictions since then, Eurico continued to work hard and make contributions to the field neonatal screening, despite the physical restrictions. He was one of the founders, and well known reference members, of the Latin American Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism and Neonatal Screening. He was very active until his death on January 1st, 2023, due to complications related to respiratory infection, and will be greatly missed in Brazil and Latin America. Eurico was survived by his wife Cleide his son Fernando and his daughter Luiza.

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