

Prof. Stephen Levin
1941 - 2012



It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the death of our dear colleague Stephen Levin, MD, Professor of Occupational Medicine in the Department of Preventive Medicine of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and for many years

Medical Director of the Mount Sinai Irving J. Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Dr. Levin was a 1967 graduate of the New York University School of Medicine. After a decade of practice in General Medicine in Pennsylvania, he came to Mount Sinai to receive his training in Occupational Medicine. Following completion of his training, he joined our faculty. He spent the remainder of his career at Mount Sinai, rose through the academic ranks and was promoted to full Professor in 2011.

Dr. Levin became Medical Director of the Mount Sinai Selikoff Center in 1987. He was active in the Occupational Medicine teaching program for medical students and residents. His research interests focused on asbestos-related disease, other occupational lung diseases and heavy metal toxicity.

Dr. Levin served as a consultant to the New York State, New Jersey, and New York City Departments of Health on the health hazards of environmental pollutants.

In response to the events of September 11, 2001, Dr. Levin devoted his expertise for over a decade to the evaluation and treatment of patients who developed respiratory and psychological illnesses as a consequence of their exposures and experiences at or near the site of the World Trade Center (WTC) disaster. He was Co-Director of the WTC Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening Program, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which provided medical assessments, diagnostic referrals and occupational health education for over 20,000 workers and volunteers who performed rescue and recovery work at the WTC site. He

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served as Principal Investigator and Director of the Data and Coordination Center for the federally funded WTC Medical Monitoring Program that provides repeat examinations for the WTC responder cohort. Dr. Levin was an active member of the Collegium Ramazzini.

The Mount Sinai family has lost a beloved friend and cherished colleague, and we extend our sincere condolences to Dr. Levin's family and friends who also feel this deep loss.

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