

Dr. Santiago Rossi (1971-2024)

A short life, but a long career



“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings”

Carl Gustav Jung, psychiatrist and psychologist (1875–1961)

Santiago’s academic achievements could be summarized as follows:

Diploma of Honor from the Faculty of Medicine at Universidad del Salvador.

Former Resident in Diagnostic Imaging at the Hospital de Clínicas, Faculty of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires.

Specialist in Diagnostic Imaging, Faculty of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires. Thoracic Radiology Fellow at Duke University, United States of North America. Medical Director of the Centro de Diagnóstico Rossi.

Head of Imaging at Hospital Cetrángolo.

Professor at the University Foundation of the Universidad Favaloro and Head of Practical Work for the Radiology Department at Hospital de Clínicas, Faculty of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires (UBA).

Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Thoracic Radiology.

Reviewer for publications including the American Journal of Radiology and Radiographics. Co-author of the book “Casos clínicos en Medicina Respiratoria”.

Director of the International Conference on Advances in COPD. Speaker at International, National, and Provincial Congresses.

Member of the Argentinian Association of Respiratory Medicine, Radiology Society of North America (RSNA), and the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS).

He has published in the most prestigious international journals in his specialty.

But in these words of tribute and farewell, we want to highlight the exceptional human being he was and emphasize the qualities of his personality.

Santiago always amazed us with his willingness to learn, teach, and share. He was passionate about medicine and life. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge. We knew that there was a before and after the arrival of Santiago in thoracic radiology. He had not only a formal perspective on imaging, but also a physiopathological and clinical one. He shared with us his deep love for respiratory imaging and his ambition to achieve precise diagnoses. Always present to offer his opinion, which was never a compromising one. He was passionate about technology, scientific advances, and artificial intelligence development. He applied that pursuit of precision to his work and to every field where he shared his knowledge.

About ten years ago, we organized a monthly academic conference at the Centro Rossi with colleagues from Hospital de Clínicas, Hospital Ferrer, Cetrángolo, Garrahan, and Ramos Mejía. That event took place on Thursday nights, and each one was a celebration of learning, attended by an average of 80 professionals, where we discussed complex cases in an atmosphere of cordiality and enthusiasm—an environment that Santiago always infused with a balanced dose of wisdom and humor.

His generous contribution to the International Conference on Advances in COPD, with his ideas and willingness, helped the event grow into a classic of our association. He was also part of the most ambitious project of the AAMR: the EPOC.AR study on the prevalence of COPD in the six major cities of Argentina. He suggested including CT scans in the protocol, something that had never been done before in any epidemiological study on COPD of such magnitude.

He was an essential participant in the era in which imaging became a highly relevant diagnostic tool in respiratory pathology. His transforming light went beyond our borders and spread throughout Latin America.

His legacy can be summarized in practicing our profession with solidarity in knowledge, passion for teaching, patient commitment, and humility in wisdom.

He was an excellent professional, an excellent person, an excellent friend, and an excellent colleague - dedicated and concerned about each one of us, at every moment in our lives. Knowing Santiago made us better, as people, as colleagues, and as friends.

Dear Santiago, thank you so much for the gift of your friendship and your legacy!

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