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For 40 years, Mehl served as the director of the pharmacy department at Mount Sinai, a mammoth facility on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

“Dr. Mehl was a pioneer in pharmacy practice,” said his successor, Joanne Meyer, who also credited him for advancing pharmacy education and residency training in New York City.

He received not only health-system pharmacy’s highest honor—the Whitney Lecture Award—but also the designation John W. Webb Visiting Professor in Hospital Pharmacy, in recognition of his extraordinary dedication to fostering excellence in pharmacy management.

His doctoral research in the early 1980s revealed that pharmacy administrators at the time knew little about the cost of drugs or hospital operations or the reasons for changes in the cost of drugs. By using indexes, he showed that inflation, patient census, patient mix, or pharmacologic class could be a reason for drug-cost change.

BERNARD MEHL Obituary

MEHL--Dr. Bernard, an esteemed educator and leader in the fields of pharmacoeconomics and hospital pharmacy, died Friday. Dr. Mehl, known to all as Bernie, was 81. He was born in the Bronx, NY and resided in Spencertown, NY. Dr. Mehl was a cum laude graduate of Fordham University College of Pharmacy, and trained in Medical Administration at the School of Aviation Medicine in the United States Air Force. He earned his MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and his DpS from Pace University. He was a fellow at the Leon Davis Institute of Health Economics at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. For most of his professional life, Dr. Mehl was associated with the Mount Sinai Medical Center. He held a faculty appointment at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, as well as Long Island University School of Pharmacy and St. Johns University. He was instrumental in starting the first PharmD program in New York State and was awarded the John W. Webb visiting professor award from Northeastern University. On the state level he was an active and long time member of the New York State Council of Hospital Pharmacists, serving as President and Vice President for Government Affairs. Dr. Mehl was recognized nationally for his innovation in the practice of hospital pharmacy. He was instrumental in computerizing pharmacy systems, expanding the use of robotics and

improving safety measures. In 2001, Dr. Mehl was awarded the Harvey AK Whitney Award, the highest honor in the field. Dr. Mehl's love of pharmacy extended beyond his professional life. He and his wife Florence, traveled extensively around the world, collecting apothecary jars, eventually amassing a museum quality collection