Mark E. Josephson, M.D., (1943-2017) Brief trajectory



Dr. Josephson graduated from Trinity College and Columbia University College form of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1969. His internship and residence were served from 1969 to 1971 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. From 1971 to 1973m he was a Research Associated at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Staten Island. He completed his cardiology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and joined the faculty as Director of Clinical Electrophysiology. Josephson was a faculty member of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine from 1975 to 1992. From 1981 to 1991, his academic appointment was Robinette Professor of Medicine. In 1992, he became Director of the Harvard Thorndike Electrophysiology Institute and Arrhythmias Service of Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. During the past 30 years, Josephson has been a major contributor to the growing body of knowledge pertaining to the mechanisms, pathophysiology, and treatment of ventricular tachyarrhythmia's. He standardized left ventricular mapping, which eventually made possible catheter ablation of ventricular tachycardia. He also introduced and directed subendocardial resection for the surgery of ventricular tachycardia. His work serves as a solid foundation for today's sophisticated therapy of ventricular arrhythmias. Josephson was a master teacher of electrocardiography. In 2001, he was honored as a pioneer in pacing and Electrophysiology by the North American Society of pacing and Electrophysiology in Boston. He wrote the classical book for a thorough understanding of the mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias and the therapeutic interventions used to treat them. Josephson's Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, unparalleled guidance on the electrophysiologic methodology required to define the mechanism and site of origin of arrhythmias

"I don't know how old he is, but he has an enthusiasm and love for what he does that is like he's in his twenties, just out of medical school and ready to conquer the world. He's on the edge of discovery. He has a passion for his work that spreads to the patient and that feeds into that whole feeling of 'I'm in the best hands possible.' "

Pamela Lesser, one of Josephson's patients, says