



Editorial

Tribute to Evandro de Oliveira

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“Be not afraid of greatness; some are born great, some achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them.” –William Shakespeare

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” –Aristotle

“No man is truly great who is great only in his lifetime. The test of greatness is the page of history.” –William Hazlitt

In its edition of December 2019, *Brazilian Neurosurgery* paid a homage to Evandro de Oliveira,¹ some of the words said by then will be repeated now when the entire neurosurgical community worldwide has been mourning this inestimable lost. In the current edition *Brazilian Neurosurgical Society* and *Brazilian Neurosurgery* pay its Tribute to one of the greatest neurosurgeons of all time, Dr. Evandro de Oliveira. The next pages will bring beautiful, sentimental and erudite reports that illustrate what Evandro de Oliveira represented for his family, friends and colleagues.

Evandro's work and personality inspired several young and experimented neurosurgeons thorough his life. Surgical technique and art were amalgamated in Evandro's hands. His unique surgical technique was the perfect summary that reunited art and technique in the operative treater. However, as said before, rather than art, the Evandro's School of surgery was Philosophy, as well.



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Nothing less than perfection was tolerable to him. Perfect positioning, bloodless surgical field, precise microsurgery with no parasitic movements, stepwise revelation of the beauty of the brain anatomy, these were the Evandro's commandments.

These facts imposed upon his pupils a great amount of pressure, whereas solidified a powerful mindset and established his surgical school. Many neurosurgeons in the world have been educated with this kind of surgical philosophy. His work put the Brazilian neurosurgery in a new and higher standard, that might be unreachable without his contributions. Our all gratitude to him. The next pages will tell more and better, nonetheless the Evandro's surgical school and achievements will echo for years to come. As an English essayist said: the test of greatness is the page of history.

Conflict of Interest

None.

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