

## A gentleman disappeared - Dr. Claudiu Gh. Savu

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

Unfortunately, time becomes an enemy from the moment we were born. And the flow of sand from the hourglass is even fiercer ever since you became a neurosurgeon.

From that moment on, you live in a whirlwind of the profession: breaks, bleeding, clips, complications, CSF fistula, relapses, suppurations, etc. A whirlpool that often adds to the dysfunctions of the medical world, those of colleagues or even family. It's not easy at all!

Often, the battle to succeed in this noble profession resembles the struggle for survival in who knows what, hot, jungle. Victory means to heal, but it also means to progress. We forget too easily that we are part of one of the most respected medical specialties. Without false modesty, I say: neurosurgeons are an elite.

Unfortunately, it is happening - more and more often - to blame ourselves on our own physicians' condition. Or, if we do not do it, to be unnaturally silent in the face of mass media outbursts. I do not mean we do not have our own colleagues at least with imperfections. But the mistakes of one or the other must not hit the community around our profession.

Equally, we have to say that we had, and still have, patterns of behavior and attitude. Ladies and gentlemen - in the true sense of the word.

One of these exceptional gentlemen was neurosurgeon Claudiu Gh. Savu.

It does not matter when and where it was born, where it grew up, or whether it was a member of a party or not. He had an extraordinary education. He was our

colleague, assistant professor at the clinic of Professor Constantin Arseni. He was Head of one Department at Bagdasar-Arseni Hospital when led by Professor Alexandru Constantinovici.

No one could ever blame him for anything. He did not use ugly / heavy words, he was never aggressive and he did not criticize his colleagues. He always helped his collaborators, behaved civilized, and was a model for the young neurosurgeons he had formed. It was an example of professionalism and balance in Clinic 1 of Neurosurgery in Bucharest.

Doctor Claudiu Savu was a behavioral model for Romanian neurosurgery.

At one point, he left Bucharest at the Neurosurgical Center in Baia Mare. He continued to be the same valuable neurosurgeon and the same man of humanity and vast cultural respiration. Maramures appreciated him both as a primary neurosurgeon and as a medical director at a private center. But it also recognized him as a man who gave spirit, culture and a dignified and decent attitude towards others.

What's left behind? The most important for a doctor - an impressive number of healed patients. A large number of colleagues who have known his professionalism. And the image of a doctor with a warm smile and a gentleman's attitude...

God rest his good soul!

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