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## Saul Hertz, M. D.

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thyroid disease and its treatment. He did pioneer work in the field of the application of radioactive substances to medicine and originated the tracer and therapeutic applications of radioactive iodine. He performed his researches in collaboration with A. Roberts and R. D. Evans.

In collaboration with other investigators he described the use of radioactive iodine in a series of articles which started in 1938. He also contributed several chapters to a standard text on endocrinology. He made extensive studies of radioactive iodine in the treatment of hyperthyroidism, in thyroid cancer, and also in the production of total thyroidectomy in the treatment of certain cases of heart disease.

He also investigated the effect of thyroid hormone on growth with Dr. Carlos Galli-Mainini in 1941. He described the blood picture in exophthalmic goiter with Dr. J. Lerman in 1942, and the effect of pituitary injections on the parathyroid and thyroid in 1934 with Dr. Alfred Cranes. With Dr. J. H. Means, he studied the nutritional factors in Graves' disease. In 1946 Dr. Hertz presented and published a plan for the analysis of the biologic factors involved in thyroid carcinogenesis. He also studied the application of radioactive phosphorus and the influences of hormones on cancer as displayed by isotope studies.

### **Achievements Recognized**

Dr. Hertz was the director of the Radioactive Isotope Research Fund and Institute of Boston. In recognition of his achievement, he was elected to honorary membership in Sigma XI and was a member of many medical and biological societies including the American Society for Experimental Pathologists, Harvard Biological Society, Ass'n for the Study of Internal Secretions; American Ass'n for the Study of Goiter, American Society for Clinical Investigation, Mass. Medical Society and a fellow of the AMA.

He was particularly interested in the medical aspects of atomic energy, and organization of defense procedures in relation to the possible use of atomic energy in case of war. He was appointed in charge of the Radioactive Isotope Laboratory at the Mass. Woman's Hospital in Boston, where he died suddenly on July 28, 1950.

Dr. Hertz was a man of high principles and courage. He was a brilliant student and researcher, and devoted his life to scientific work. He was well versed in Hebrew science

and general culture. He lectured on various occasions on scientific and educational topics.

He also was active in community work and was held in high esteem for his sincerity and friendliness, loved and respected by his many colleagues, patients, and friends.

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### **Davidson New Chief**

DR. HENRY A. DAVIDSON, editor of the *Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey*, has recently been appointed chief of psychiatry for the Veterans Administration in the Washington regional office. He will be in charge of all V. A. psychiatric operations in nine states. Dr. Davidson had been chief of psychiatry at the Newark V. A. regional office since March, 1947.

Although Dr. Davidson is removing to Washington, he expects to be able to continue his editorial duties with the state journal.

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### **BOTTOM OF THE BARREL**

A woman consulted me to learn why she couldn't get pregnant by her second husband. She'd had two children by her first husband, and her present husband had had three children by his first wife. During the examination I casually remarked that the average human female is born with about 400,000 ova, though she discharges only one during each period of ovulation.

The patient thought it over awhile, then came up with this diagnosis of her trouble: "I've been told, Doctor, that a woman also loses an ovum each time she has intercourse. Come to think of it, I guess I've about used all mine up."

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### **NEW MARKET**

In Portland, reported the *Oregon Journal*, a local dress shop put a placard in its window: "Maternity Fashions for the Modern Miss."