

Joseph D. Godfrey, MD**1907-1996**

Joseph D. Godfrey was a graduate of the University of Buffalo in New York in 1931. He then went on to serve as head of the Department of Orthopaedics and Children's Hospital in Philadelphia until 1977 and Chief of Mercy Hospital's Department of Orthopaedics until 1980.

Dr. Godfrey was the Buffalo Bill's team physician from the team's inception in 1961 until 1977. He also spent time treating hundreds of World War II casualties behind the front lines in North Africa, Italy and France. During this time he was Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery in the 23rd General Hospital.

Dr. Godfrey amassed a solid record of medical achievements in sports medicine. His love of sports medicine was equaled professionally only by his love of teaching and of children's orthopaedics. He worked extensively with the Crippled Children's Guild.

Dr. Godfrey served as AOSSM's second President from 1973-1974. He received numerous honors and awards during his career. He was named Mr. Sports Medicine by AOSSM in 1977, and in the same year received the NATA President's Challenge Award. He was also honored as Distinguished Alumnus from Canisius College in 1976.

Dr. Godfrey's accomplishments are varied and many, and for his unique love of sports medicine he will be recognized as one of the key leaders in the field.