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Appointed as one of the charter members of the first *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* Editorial Board, and using this new journal title starting in 1964, Dr Arthur M. Olsen, represented the field of thoracic diseases.^{1,2}

Dr Olsen was born on August 29, 1909, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his AB degree in 1930 from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, and his MD degree in 1935 from Rush Medical College in Chicago. He interned at Cook County Hospital in Chicago from 1934 to 1936, and he attended Mayo Graduate School of Medicine from 1936 to 1938, where he obtained his MS degree from the University of Minnesota¹ (Mayo Graduate School was affiliated with the University of Minnesota until 1983).³ Dr Olsen was appointed as a consultant at Mayo Clinic in 1940. He served as the head of the thoracic diseases section and the Chair of that section during his career. He was a member of the Board of Trustees to Mayo Clinic from 1961-1968, and he became a Professor of Medicine in 1972.¹ The appointment to the Editorial Board was

established from a decision by Mayo Clinic's Board of Governors in 1962.²

The Mayo Authors Database lists 182 book chapters and articles authored by Dr Olsen. An article published in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* in 1973 is entitled: The Hypotensive Gastroesophageal Sphincter,⁴ and a book co-authored by him entitled *Achalasia of the Esophagus (Major Problems in Clinical Surgery, Volume IX)* is still available for purchase.⁵

Dr Olsen retired from active practice in 1976, and he passed away on August 7, 2002.¹

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