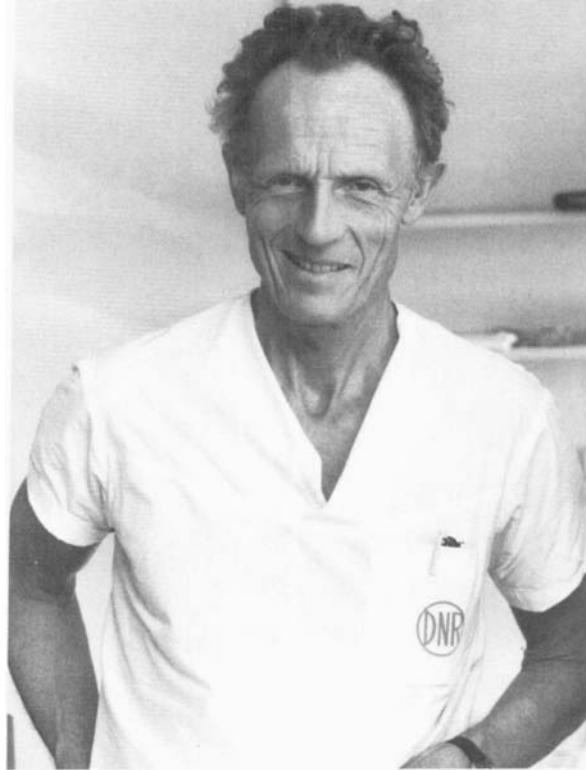


HERMAN HØST



Professor Herman Høst has a record of more than 40 years' pioneering work at the Norwegian Radium Hospital in Oslo. As head of the Department of Medical Oncology and Radiotherapy at the largest cancer hospital in northern Europe and as a genuine clinical scientist, he played a leading role in Norwegian and international oncology for decades. His main areas of interest have been breast cancer, lymphomas and lung cancer. Internationally he is best known for his work within postoperative radiotherapy in breast cancer. In the early seventies he designed the radiotherapy regimens for Hodgkin's disease, resulting in a significant improvement in the patients' prognosis. Also within cancer chemotherapy, he was involved in the dramatic improvements obtained in testicular cancer, adjuvant treatment of breast cancer and high dose chemotherapy in lymphomas. In addition, he supervised new quality-of-life research among various groups of cancer patients.

Herman Høst was born in 1926. He started his medical education in Copenhagen in 1946, and received his M.D. at the University of Oslo in 1952. His Ph.D. thesis was accomplished at the same university. In 1953 he started his career as a clinician and scientist at the Norwegian Radium Hospital, becoming professor and chairman in 1976. During this period he made a strong contribution to the scientific profiling of his department, and a large proportion of Norwegian oncologists trained under him. He gave the young doctors opportunities of training and qualifying within the different areas of medical oncology and radiotherapy, and within various tumour types. His younger colleagues are grateful for his generous support and for the trust he showed in them.

Herman Høst will be retiring in 1996 from his position at the Norwegian Radium Hospital, in connection with his seventieth birthday. He is still going strong, however: he keeps fit through jogging and skiing, and he is continuing his research activities.

We dedicate this special issue of *Acta Oncologica* to him, in recognition of his powerful contribution to the national and international oncological community.

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