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Dr J. Heinrich ('Heinz') Joist

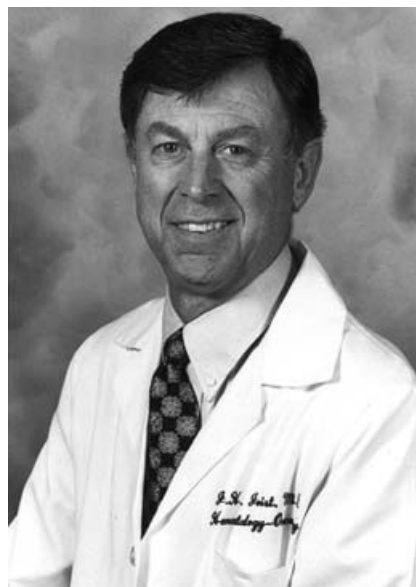
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Johann Heinrich ('Heinz') Joist, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine in St Louis, Missouri (USA), died 13 February 2004 at home, after more than a year struggling with mesothelioma.

Heinz Joist was born on 9 January 1935 in Bergisch Gladbach, near Köln (Cologne), Germany where he was also raised. He graduated from the University of Köln Medical School in 1961 and a year later completed his doctoral thesis with honors. Dr Joist's doctoral dissertation, 'Die milde Hämophilie' (*Folia Haemat* 1963; 7: 225–55), presaged his professional career in clinical and laboratory hemostasis and disorders. Following 3 years of clinical training at several hospitals throughout Germany, in 1964 Dr Joist began a research fellowship with Dr Sol Sherry's coagulation research group at Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis, Missouri, studying 'uroplastin' in the laboratory of Dr Norma (Alskaersig) Fletcher, followed by 2 years as a Fellow in Hematology. There he met and married Nancy Lee Maxeiner, BSN in 1966, and they returned to Germany that year where Dr Joist was a resident physician and research assistant at the Köln University Medical School. From 1970 to 1972 Dr Joist was a Senior Research Fellow at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in the laboratories of Dr J. Fraser Mustard's platelet and coagulation research group. Following additional collaborative work, in 1977 Dr Joist was awarded the PhD degree in Experimental Pathology by McMaster University.

From 1972 to 1978 Dr Joist was Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pathology, and Director of the Hemostasis and Thrombosis Laboratory at Barnes Hospital, Washington University School of Medicine. In 1978 Dr Joist was appointed Associate Professor of Medicine and Pathology at St Louis University School of Medicine where he directed or codirected the Hematology and then the Hematology-Oncology Division until 1993. In 1979 Dr Joist founded and directed for many years the St Louis University Regional Hemophilia Treatment Center (Adult Program). He advanced to Professor of Medicine and of Pathology in 1983, and in 1994 founded and



directed the Center for Bleeding and Thrombotic Disorders, with its affiliated diagnostic reference laboratory and coagulation consultation service ('St. Louis University Coagulation Consultants').

At St Louis University, Professor Joist organized 17 annual symposia on advances in hemostasis and thrombosis, as well as a 'Corporate Friday' hemostasis symposium for the 1999 meeting of the American Society of Hematology. He served on a large number of local, regional, national and international medical advisory committees and research peer review groups, in addition to serving as an invited speaker at numerous scientific and medical venues, and continuing hemostasis research activities. During his career, he authored or co-authored over 150 scientific articles, reviews and book chapters related to normal and abnormal platelet function, coagulation, hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, venous thromboembolism, thrombophilia and blood rheology. In addition to membership in more than a dozen professional societies, in the late 1990s Dr Joist was a founding member of the North American Specialized Coagulation Laboratory Association (NASCO-LA), coined the organization's name and drafted its charter, and served on its executive committee and as vice president. Aside from his professional interests and accomplishments, Dr Joist especially enjoyed music, travel, tennis and golf, and his family.

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Heinz Joist is survived by his wife, Nancy, and their three daughters, Bettina, Catherine and Heidi, and their children, and a sister, Anneliese Wiesemes. Memorial contributions may be made to the St Louis University Hemophilia Center

Twining Program (contact Dr Ganesh C. Kudva, St Louis University, 3655 Vista Ave., St Louis, MO 63110, USA) or to the Joist Memorial Educational Fund that is being established by members of NASCOLA (contact: info@nascola.org).