



In Memoriam

Remembering Dr. Isabelle Rapin...

On May 24, 2017, our esteemed colleague, Dr. Isabelle Rapin, Professor Emerita in the Saul R Korey Department of Neurology and Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, passed away after a brief bout of pneumonia. Isabelle was a profound presence in so many areas of pediatric neurology for more than half a century. Her many accomplishments will long influence our thinking and approach to child diagnostics and treatment. She was a true clinician-scientist. She was always interested and curious, always intellectually engaged – and always encouraging those of us researchers to do more and think more deeply into the neurological disorders we were studying. Her contributions to autism, lysosomal diseases, and to many other neurodevelopmental conditions were enormous. Dr. Rapin authored more than 250 unique scholarly contributions and trained generations of clinicians and biomedical scientists. For those who interacted with her as students, residents, and colleagues, we are truly fortunate. Her teachings will be forever with us. Although she retired in 2012, Dr. Rapin continued to keep current with research and clinical advances in child neurology. Dr. Rapin often noted that, “Every patient can teach us something we don’t know.” She emphasized that “patients are our teachers.” Dr. Rapin will be truly missed, and her influence in so many ways always will remain with us.

