



**JOSEPH BRENNEMANN, M.D.**  
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**Joseph Brennemann** was born near Peru, Illinois on September 25, 1872. His premedical education was obtained at the University of Michigan, and he received his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School in 1900. He served a two year internship at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, and then engaged in general practice on Chicago's south side. He then decided to specialize in pediatrics, and during 1910, spent several months in European pediatric clinics. For many years he was an attending physician in the Pediatric Outpatient Department of Northwestern University Medical School, actively engaged in teaching medical students and was, in addition, attending pediatrician at St. Luke's Hospital and at Wesley Memorial Hospital. In 1921 he gave up these appointments to become chief of staff of the of Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, where he remained for twenty years. After his retirement from the Children's Memorial Hospital he became chief of staff of Childrens Hospital, Los Angeles, and professor and head of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Southern California Medical School. Dr. Brennemann was the recipient of practically every honor in the field of pediatrics. He was a member of the Chicago Pediatric Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Pediatric Society, where he served as president in 1930. He was an honorary member of the Society for Pediatric Research and a corresponding member of the British Pediatric Society. He was a member of the Pediatric Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association which would later become the Los Angeles Pediatric Society (LAPS).

His supreme achievement, however, was his editorship of and his extensive contributions to "Brennemann's Practice of Pediatrics." He was a careful and painstaking editor, feeling personally responsible for the quality of all of the articles which were submitted. This monumental work has assured him an enduring place among the great leaders in pediatrics.

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