

Renowned penicillin researcher dies

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Dr. Monroe Romansky, who was credited with a major advancement in penicillin, has died from complications of Alzheimer's disease at the age of 95.

Romansky discovered a beeswax and peanut oil mixture prolonged the duration of penicillin in the body, The Washington Post reported. Romansky's Formula, as the mixture became known, was first used to treat such World War II-era diseases such as syphilis and pneumonia.

He died Aug. 12 in a Washington hospital.

U.S. President Harry Truman awarded Romansky the Legion of Merit for his medical contribution, which was credited with saving thousands of lives and reducing suffering.

Romansky went on to become an author and a professor of medicine at George Washington University Medical School. He subsequently served as chief of infectious diseases at District of Columbia General Hospital and at George Washington University's medical school, the Post said.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Evelyn Romansky of Chevy Chase, Md.

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