### in memoriam

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# Recently deceased physicians

The following physicians died over the past several months; please consider submitting a piece for our "In Memoriam" section in the BCMJ if you knew the deceased well.

Ashmore, Dr Philip Binnie, Dr James Percy Kennedy D'Appolonia, Dr Gino Leone Fassaert, Dr Hubert Anton Bernard Fitterman, Dr Herbert Norton Graham, Dr Donald Carter Grandsen, Dr Godfrey McCance Greig, Dr James Henry Hancock, Dr Alan Keith Hogan, Dr John Thomas Howden, Dr Gordon David Galbraith Hudson, Dr Peter William Kellett, Dr John Robert Kettyls, Dr George Donald Morison Lane, Dr John Samuel Purefoy Lazarchuk, Dr Myron Lowe, Dr Benny Makaroff, Dr Robert Peter Martin, Dr John David Mason, Dr Bernard Lines McCann, Dr James Alan Mellor, Dr Clive Sidney Middlemass, Dr Ian Burnet Murray, Dr Patrick J. Penny, Dr Helen Angela Pronger, Dr Ralph Clifton Randall, Dr Herbert Samuel Roach, Dr Mark Rogers, Dr Roger Hayward Sargent, Dr Raymond Denys Richmo Shimizu, Dr Keiji St. Louis, Henri Edgar

Wong, Dr Ting-Kwok Lawrence

# **High-quality health information**

"I understand what you're saying... I just can't remember it when I aet home."

n stressful situations, and clinical encounters are often stressful for patients, even the most attentive will miss some key information. Since modern medical practice is increasingly a partnership between clinician and patient, discussion and understanding are crucial. High-quality consumer health resources, both in print and online, help busy clinicians and patients stay on the same page. The library section of the College website (www.cpsbc.ca) provides a suggested list under "Patient Information," including local organizations like HealthLinkBC and Vancouver Coastal Health. These sites have extensive collections of topics, and not only do they give a local perspective, they come in a number of languages. Another free, authoritative, multi-language site, supported by the US National Institutes of Health, is MedlinePlus. This site includes information on drugs, alternative medicine, and many other topics; tutorials; and

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links to other reliable sources. For patient leaflets and handouts, physicians may go to the American Academy of Family Physicians' Family-Doctor.org website or log in to MD Consult or AccessMedicine. MD Consult has the added benefit of allowing clinicians to customize pamphlets to include the physician's name, address, and additional patient instructions.

Your patients may prefer to do their own Internet searching for health information. To help them evaluate the quality of a site, a useful guide is to look for the Health on the Net symbol on the site's home page. This symbol indicates that the site follows the quality-control guidelines developed by the HON Foundation, a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization founded to ensure ethical standards for online medical information. HON certification is another way to differentiate between good quality sites and those with strictly commercial motives.

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