in memoriam

Dr Larry Fenton 1934-2012



My lab partner and friend Larry Fenton died on 12 May 2012 from complications of Huntington disease.

Larry and his wife, Ron-

deau—also his best friend, enjoyed the culture and people of Chemainus, where Larry worked with two family doctors, Gordon Heydon and Jerry Philippson, at the full-service hospital. Built in 1899, it was for many years the only hospital between Victoria and Nanaimo.

It was an exciting time for these family physicians; delivering babies, operating, dealing with industrial and road accident victims, all the while also administering anesthetics!

Larry was an adventurous outdoorsman. His father was part of a group of citizens of Trail and Rossland who developed the Red Mountain ski area and built its wood-towered ski lift. Larry soon became an expert skier, attached to his long pine skis with unyielding leather thongs.

He enjoyed the ocean, from his

Uncle Gus's rescue boat to more accommodating vessels. He had a passion for nature, spending weekends camping in a tent with his dog by his

Larry enthusiastically gave back to his community. A long-time Rotarian, he was granted honorary membership in 2000 and was a recipient of the prestigious Paul Harris award.

All the while, unbeknownst to Larry, Rondeau, and their family, there lurked the Huntington disease genetic mutation, resulting in gradual health-related changes that after 16 vears took his life.

He is survived by his caring wife Rondeau; children Doug, Tim, and Jennifer; and five grandchildren.

> —David Harder, MD **Oyama**

Dr Peter J. Middleton 1932-2012

Peter was born in New Zealand in 1932 and attended medical school at the University of Otago where, during a fellowship, he explored the role of chemical carcinogens in tumor development. He trained as a pathologist and worked at the University of Otago. He subsequently spent a year at the Ruchill Institute of Virology and then

returned to Otago to work in virology. In 1968 he was recruited to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, where he established the Department of Virology and developed a pre-eminent diagnostic laboratory. He was appointed to the University of Toronto where he lectured in clinical virology. In 1987 he was recruited to the Department of Pathology at the University of British Columbia where he worked as the head of the Virology Laboratory at the Provincial Health Laboratory and subsequently at the BC Centre for Disease Control.

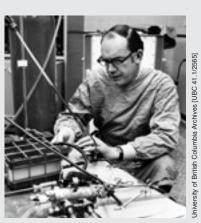
Peter will be remembered for his tireless work in promoting the discipline of clinical virology in Toronto and Vancouver. In Toronto he was a leader in introducing technology for rapid virus diagnosis, namely immunofluorescence microscopy and electron microscopy. His efforts were rewarded when his lab became one of the first to discover human rotaviruses and subsequently other gastrointestinal viruses, for which he gained international recognition. His laboratory was also a leader in the application of immunofluorecence microscopy for the detection of respiratory viruses, and electron microscopy for the detection of agents such as herpes viruses

Correction: Drs Ronald Hancock and Phillip Ashmore



Dr Ronald Hancock

In the April issue of the BCMJ (2012; 54[3]:149-149) we printed the obituary of Vancouver general surgeon Dr Ronald Hancock, but ran his photo over the obituary of pediatric cardiac surgeon Dr Phillip Ashmore. Everyone who knew these two fine surgeons was aware of the error and had a chuckle—we hope—at our expense. For the record, here are photos of both well-loved surgeons. Our sincere apologies.—ED



Dr Phillip Ashmore

from skin lesions. It was also one of the first computerized virology laboratories in the country.

At the Hospital for Sick Children he could be found on the wards daily checking requests for virus testing by reviewing the patients' medical records. He also established the practice of skin lesion specimens being collected by the virologist. This assured a very rapid diagnosis which was of particular benefit in the management of immunocompromised patients and the practice of infection control.

Peter was a very effective mentor of the residents and graduate students who passed through his laboratory. He showed good acumen in assigning feasible, but important, research topics to residents during their rotations; the research generally resulted in publications. Virtually all Toronto residents in microbiology over a 20-year period passed through his laboratory and had the benefit of his teaching. As a laboratory director he was known for his innovative approaches and for his support of his laboratory staff. As a department head he was heavily involved with administration, including serving as chair of the Medical Advisory Committee during some of the most controversial years of the existence of the Hospital for Sick Children. He gained international recognition by being elected president of the Pan-American Society for Clinical Virology.

He read voraciously and had an outstanding command of virology literature—consulting him was always a rewarding experience. He was excellent company, well traveled and well read. He died on 8 April 2012 and is survived by his wife Barbara.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Peter are better off for it. We have truly lost an outstanding friend and colleague.

> -Richard K. Elwood, MD Vancouver

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.

Battershill, Dr James Henry Bennett, Dr William Edward John Binnie, Dr James Percy Kennedy Blouw, Dr Hendrik Bulmer, Dr Gordon Ross Buskard, Dr Noel Adams Cunningham, Dr Joseph Daitz, Dr Laurence Douglas Davis, Dr Hymie Dick, Dr Arthur R. Dillon, Dr William Wilson Dixon-Warren, Dr Brian Cedric Dukelow, Dr James Benson Glazebrook, Dr George Alan Gordon, Dr Mary Ethelwyn Graham, Dr Donald Carter Gransden, Dr Godfrey McCance Grehan, Dr Anthony Joseph Greig, Dr James Henry Hassan, Dr Mogamat Aly Hogan, Dr John Thomas Kellett, Dr John Robert Lane, Dr John Samuel Purefoy Laszlo, Dr Magdalene Sarah

Lazarchuk, Dr Myron

Lee, Dr Robert Edmund Musgrave MacDonald, Dr Duglas Keith Mar, Dr Jacque Markle, Dr Craig McCann, Dr James Alan Melynchuk, Dr Alex Tom Murray, Dr Patrick J. Penny, Dr Helen Angela Pratt, Dr Vincent James Pronger, Dr Ralph Clifton Rideout, Dr Chester Franklin Roach, Dr Mark Rogers, Dr Roger Hayward Sargent, Dr Raymond Denys Richmond Shahriw, Dr William Wasyl Singh, Dr Parminder St. Louis, Dr Henri Edgar Tam, Dr Ennio Andrea Thomson, Dr Ian Blake Trott, Dr Alvin Walter John Wallace, Dr George Scott Waugh, Dr Fredrick Potts

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