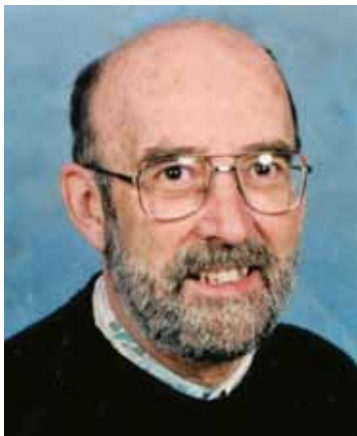


Obituaries

We welcome original tributes of less than 300 words; we may edit them for clarity and length. Obituaries may be emailed to journal@doctorsofbc.ca. Include birth and death dates, full name and name deceased was best known by, key hospital and professional affiliations, relevant biographical data, and a high resolution head-and-shoulders photo.



Dr Johannes V. Asfeldt
1930–2019

In our medical lives, perhaps our most valued assets are our colleagues. In rural general practice few are more valued than those in obstetrics. We will always be grateful for the privilege of having worked with Dr Johannes (Johs) Asfeldt.

Johs attended medical school in Copenhagen, class of 1959, and practised there and in the US, Canada, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe over a 41-year career. He practised in urban centres in Missouri and North Dakota and in solo rural posts in Newfoundland (Grenfell Mission based in St. Anthony), Yukon, Minnesota, Alberta, and BC. His later career was punctuated by eight lengthy trips to African hospitals to volunteer and teach. Throughout, he remained a dedicated father, husband, and grandfather, Rotarian, pilot, and Christian. Johs had a lifelong commitment to women's health in underserved areas and he was as comfortable in the left seat of his beloved plane (C-GWEU) as he was in the OR and delivery suite. Theologically liberal, he respected both life and autonomy, and served wholeheartedly wherever he had the opportunity.

We'd like to share a story from his time in Dawson Creek to help you appreciate Johs. Typically, he would be called in by an anxious and exhausted GP at 3:00 a.m., and through the -40 °C weather he came to attend an obstetrical emergency. Always prompt, a careful consult was provided and cesarean would be recommended and OR called. Five minutes later he would be fast asleep and 20 minutes later scrubbed and ready to go. How we appreciated his calm and confidence. Twenty years later, after dementia took hold, he still enjoyed reading his obstetrics texts and asking his devoted wife, Janeen, about the call schedule.

Small communities around the world benefit from dedicated physicians and surgeons. We will cherish the memory of Johs Asfeldt, an exemplar of small-town obstetrics.

—Steve Ashwell, MD
Victoria

—Ulrike Meyer, MD
Dawson Creek



Dr Mervin Leslie Hassan
1934–2018

Dr Les Hassan passed away peacefully on 24 November 2018 at the age of 84. He leaves

behind his wife of 60 years, Sylvia; his sons, Doug (Mary-Louise) and Tom (Genevieve); six grandsons, Dean, Neal, Grant, Julian, Jake, and Ryan; and his brother, Bob.

Les, a native of Vancouver, attended John Oliver Secondary School. After a time working on the railroad and in a lumber mill, he was determined to further his education. He attended the University of British Columbia and received a degree in pharmacy in 1958. In the same year he married his high school sweetheart, Sylvia, before returning to UBC where he earned his medical degree in 1963. After completing his internship in San Diego, success came quickly in his own family medicine practice in North Vancouver. Les practised there for 30 years. Family medicine was a little different back then—long nights delivering babies, rounding patients at Lions Gate Hospital, office patients, performing minor surgery, and of course house calls. His care and advice was adored by his many friends and patients. He retired in 1993.

Upon retirement, Les was honored by the Squamish Nation, for whom he had served as a physician and friend. The Squamish band celebrated his retirement with a naming ceremony and dinner. He was honored with the ancestral name Nexws-Kitlen (the Healer).

His greatest joy was his family and friends. His intelligence was never questioned. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed conversation on almost any topic. Sometimes a lively debate would ensue. He was a full-time family doctor but also a part-time carpenter, plumber, and electrician. He enjoyed handyman projects both at home and at the family cabin on Sakinaw Lake. He and Sylvia enjoyed hosting parties, playing bridge, and golfing.

After retirement, Les continued his hobbies of home renovation, fishing, and golf. He and Sylvia spent several years traveling the world and exploring different cultures. He also loved tending to his rose garden, and he continued to golf at Capilano Golf Club and went on several fishing adventures with his sons to Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island.

Les will be sadly missed.

—Douglas Hassan, MD
Fox Island, WA

Obituaries continued on page 294



Dr Charles Brian Warriner
1946–2019

Dr Brian Warriner graduated from medicine at UBC in 1971 and initially did general practice in Powell River, BC, and Campbellton, New Brunswick, before completing his anesthesiology residency at UBC in 1980. As a research fellow at St. Paul's Hospital Pulmonary Research Laboratory before becoming a staff anesthesiologist at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, Brian had interests in several areas, including a trial involving a noncellular oxygen carrier in cardiac surgery. He was an excellent teacher of anesthesia residents, medical students, pharmacology students, and operating room nurses, and was an invited speaker at many conferences nationally and internationally. He was well regarded as a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's exam board in anesthesiology. Brian was highly supportive to a generation of final-year UBC anesthesiology residents preparing for certification exams.

Brian also contributed extensively to the administration side as hospital department head; chair of the Medical Advisory Committee; vice president, Medical Affairs; and acting president and CEO of Providence Health Care. In 2002 he became professor and head of the UBC Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology, and Therapeutics. As a leader, he was instrumental in starting the first acute pain service in Western Canada, and in bringing anesthesia assistants to St. Paul's Hospital. He also provided the groundwork for development of Pain BC, a not-for-profit organization for

patients with chronic pain. Brian also led the university department to develop the annual Whistler Anesthesiology Summit conference. As a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC Committee for Non-hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities, he improved the regulations for and inspections of private surgical clinics. He reviewed other departments, and for Accreditation Canada, he surveyed many hospitals nationally. He also surveyed several hospitals internationally. For many years Brian made annual visits to Kampala, Uganda, to teach anesthesiology and to considerably strengthen the anesthesiology residency program at Makerere University. With his support and funding, several Ugandan anesthesiology trainees came to UBC.

In 2009, Brian was awarded the prestigious Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society Clinical Practitioner Award in recognition of excellence in clinical anesthesiology and for making significant contributions to the practice of clinical anesthesiology in Canada. He retired from clinical practice in 2016.

For many years Brian was a leader with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, taking his charges on memorable camping expeditions.

Brian was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away peacefully at home. He will be remembered for taking time to listen to medical students, residents, and colleagues with difficulties and for providing invaluable and timely support.

A memorial fund in Brian's name has been organized through the St. Paul's Foundation, supporting Brian's legacy of teaching anesthesiology in Uganda. Visit www.donate.helpstpauls.com/dr-warriner for more information.

—**Randy Moore, MD, FRCPC**
Vancouver

—**Clinton Wong, MD, FRCPC**
Vancouver



Dr Geoffrey Parker-Sutton
1930–2019

After a long, distressing illness, Dr Geoff Parker-Sutton died suddenly with his family around him on 14 March 2019. Geoff was born and grew up in Castle Donington, a small village in central England. On leaving school in 1948 he was required, as all youth were at that time, to serve 2 years of national service, and he chose to do this in the Royal Air Force (RAF).

After such a short time of service, it was rare for any national serviceman to receive a commission, but Geoff did and became Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Parker-Sutton. While serving in the RAF he sustained a back injury from a parachute landing training exercise, and it was an injury that recurred from time to time throughout his life.

While in the RAF, Geoff decided that he wanted to be a doctor, and in 1950 he entered Durham University as a medical student, graduating in 1956. During medical school he met a social worker student, Jane Thorne, and they married in 1956 and immigrated to Canada in 1958. They traveled to New Westminster and Geoff was accepted at Royal Columbian Hospital to do a 1-year resident's course. It was then that he decided to become a GP, and on finishing his year Geoff and Jane moved to Surrey. Surrey in the 1960s was very different from today—limited residential development south of the Pattullo Bridge up to Whalley, and everything south of 88th Avenue was fields and farms. Geoff found a market at the intersection of 128th Street and 102nd Avenue, rented a

Continued on page 298

CME CALENDAR

Canada Guidelines: What's included?; Under pressure: Top 3 things for managing hypertension in diabetes; Helping patients who slip through the cracks. Program details: <https://ubccpd.ca/course/lwd2019>. Registration: <https://events.eply.com/lwd2019>. Tel: 604 675-3777, fax: 604 675-3778, email: cpd.info@ubc.ca.

GP IN ONCOLOGY CASE STUDY DAY & FAMILY PRACTICE ONCOLOGY CME DAY Vancouver, 22–23 Nov (Fri–Sat)

BC Cancer's Family Practice Oncology Network is presenting two practice-ready CME events for family physicians at BC Cancer's Annual Summit, 22–23 Nov, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre. 22 Nov: GPO (General Practitioner in Oncology) Case Study Day, and 23 Nov: Family Practice Oncology CME Day. GPO Case Study Day (up to 5.5 Mainpro+ credits) provides in-depth exploration of prevalent and emerging challenges in cancer care through case-based discussion, while Family Practice Oncology CME Day (up to 5.75 Mainpro+ credits) provides insight into new developments and practice changing guidelines in cancer care. Both offer opportunity to build helpful cancer care connections. Full details at www.fpon.ca or via dilraj.mahil@bccancer.bc.ca.

OBITUARIES

Continued from page 294

small room from the market, and started to practise as a family doctor. With growth of the practice he bought three lots on the opposite side of the intersection and built a modern medical clinic. With hospital privileges at Surrey Memorial and Royal Columbian Hospital he spent mornings seeing patients on the wards, in the emergency room, or in the case room, or operating/assisting in the operating room. At night he could be called to either hospital to deliver a baby.

In 1967 I was invited to join the practice, and Dr Tom Wong joined in 1973. We three practised very happily as Sandell Medical until Geoff retired in 1995. Also joining at the start was Betty Peters, just out of school, who developed into the office manager and who “ran” Sandell Medical into the next century.

Geoff's life was not limited to his work as a family doctor. He was very happily married to Jane, and they started life together in a small home close to the practice but in due course moved to Panorama Ridge. Geoff and Jane had four children and their home was an open house to their children's friends. They also bought a second home at Green Lake, which was an immense joy to them. It was there that they could relax as a family without interruption. Geoff was an immensely calm man, never seen angry or irritated and always there to help, especially in difficult times. Some months ago Jane described him as “a wonderful man.” Geoff Parker-Sutton was indeed a wonderful man.

—John O'Brien-Bell, MB
Surrey

GPSC

Continued from page 295

3 years.³ The analysis showed that 596 ED visits were avoided and 15 464 bed days were saved between 2016 and 2019.³

There are now 29 nurses working in the Fraser Health region extending primary care services into the homes of elderly residents. Nurses see five to seven patients per day, and patients can call them directly or be referred by their family physician. Through the Primary and Community Care Nursing Program, Fraser Northwest's grassroots Nurse Debbie initiative lives on—improving quality of care and providing peace of mind for patients and providers alike.

For more information on team-based care, patient medical homes, and primary care networks, visit www.gpsc.bc.ca. ■

—Afsaneh Moradi

Director, Community Partnership and Integration, Community Practice, Quality and Integration

References

1. General Practice Services Committee. What we do: System change. Team-based care. Accessed 4 July 2019. www.gpsc.bc.ca/what-we-do/system-change/team-based-care.
2. General Practice Services Committee. Our impact: Team-based care. Care for frail seniors: How one nurse changed the system. Accessed 18 July 2019. www.gpsc.bc.ca/our-impact/team-based-care/care-frail-seniors-how-one-nurse-changed-system.
3. Integrated Analytics. PCN – Model TC/NW communities Royal Columbian and Eagle Ridge. Acute care utilization evaluations. Accessed 18 July 2019. <https://bit.ly/30G6oAo>.

2019–20 DOCTORS OF BC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

doctors
of bc

President

Dr Kathleen Ross

President-Elect

Dr Matthew Chow

Board Chair

Dr Jeff Dresselhuis

Director-at-Large General Practice

Dr Adam Thompson

Director-at-Large General Practice

Dr Lawrence Welsh

Director-at-Large Specialist

Dr Lloyd Oppel

Director-at-Large Specialist

Dr Barb Blumenauer

Director-at-Large Specialist 1 year

Dr Andrew Yu

Director-at-Large Specialist

Vacant