AHMED, AFTAB, Long Sault, Ont.; King Edward Medical College (India), 1954; psychiatry. Died Dec. 16, 2015, aged 83. Survived by his family.

ANAND, AVINASH C., Gilbert, Arizona; Queen’s University Belfast (Northern Ireland), 1965; family medicine. Died Aug. 3, 2015, aged 76.

BASIAN, HERBERT, Toronto; University of Toronto, 1954; general surgery. Died Dec. 14, 2015, aged 85. Survived by his wife Rhoda, 5 children and 2 grandchildren. A former colleague wrote: “To say he will be sorely missed is an understatement. He was one of the greatest surgeons this country has ever produced.”

CHAN, ANDREW C., Peterborough, Ont.; University of Liverpool (England), 1988; gastroenterology. Died following a stabbing incident Dec. 28, 2015, aged 50. The Peterborough Examiner reported: “Dr. Mike Hartleib, chief of medicine at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre, worked closely with Dr. Chan. ‘There’s deep shock, and of course deep sadness — it’s a tragedy,’ he said, adding that Dr. Chan showed particular initiative when he opened his endoscopy clinic, and that type of leadership is ‘irreplaceable’ in Peterborough. ‘He was well known — a colleague, friend and a leader — and we respected him for that,’ said Hartleib. ‘The community of Peterborough has suffered a very, very big loss here.’”

CHERVENKOFF, WILLIAM, Saskatoon; University of Saskatchewan, 1963; family medicine. Died Nov. 16, 2015, aged 76. Survived by his wife Carolyn, 2 children and 3 grandchildren. “His early life was hard physical work, as he was the youngest son in a family that broke new farmland and lived in a pioneer house with a dirt floor. He practised as a family physician in Saskatoon for over 50 years, and he and his wife Carolyn — both had trained at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis — became co-therapists in marital and sexual counselling in 1975.”

CHESNEY, ROBERT, North York, Ont.; Trinity College Dublin (Ireland), 1954; diagnostic radiology; founding partner, York Radiology Consultants. Died Nov. 30, 2015, aged 85. Survived by 3 children and 6 grandchildren. A co-worker wrote: “I worked with Bob at the North York General for 15 years and have only happy memories of a friendly, dedicated doctor.”

DOYLE, FRANCIS P. (PAT), Winnipeg; Université Laval, 1948; past president, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba; Order of Canada. Died Dec. 2, 2015, aged 93. Survived by 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. “He began his family practice in Ste-Anne-des-Chênes, Man., in 1948 and retired 50 years later, having dedicated countless hours to helping others and improving the standards of medical care in the province.” A former patient wrote: “Dr. Doyle was our family doctor until he retired, and I remember his office in the basement of his house. He was the epitome of what a doctor should be, and he helped our family in so many ways.”

Dwyer, Daniel, Ancaster, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1957; internal medicine; professor, McMaster University. Died Nov. 5, 2015, aged 81. Survived by his wife Ruth and a son. “Dan was a part of building Hamilton’s world-renowned medical community as we know it today, and gave each and every patient his fullest attention. His final days were spent at St. Peter’s Long Term Care, where everyone was rooting for the Blue Jays. At game time Dan’s room was filled to the brim with wheelchairs and walkers, with everyone cheering.” The Hamilton Spectator reported: “Dwyer left the world with his patients in better health and his colleagues more skilled from knowing him.”

FINKEL, KENNETH, Dundas, Ont.; Trinity College Dublin (Ireland), 1950; pediatrics. Died Dec. 11, 2015, aged 88; survived by his wife Arlene, 5 children and 7 grandchildren. “Ken was the first pediatrician to develop an interest in renal disease in Manitoba. He established the first renal clinic at the Winnipeg Children’s Hospital, but was recruited away from Manitoba in 1967 to become one of the first faculty members at the new McMaster medical school, where he would serve in the Department of Pediatrics for more than 40 years. He was also a pioneer in the recognition and assessment of sexual abuse in children.”

FORTIN, ROBERT, Québec (Qc); Université Laval, 1959. Décédé le 23 novembre 2015, à l’âge de 83 ans. Il laisse dans le deuil son épouse Denise Bissonnette et trois enfants.

GAGNON, ANDRÉ M., North York, Ont.; École de médecine Queen’s University Belfast (Northern Ireland), 1950; pediatrics. Décédé le 23 novembre 2015, à l’âge de 80 ans. Il laisse dans le deuil son épouse Denise Bissonnette, trois enfants et trois petits-enfants.

GRAY, FRANCIS R., Nanaimo, BC; Cork National University (Ireland), 1948. Died Dec. 30, 2015, aged 91. Survived by his wife Claudia, 2 children and 2 grandchildren. “After graduation he interned in England and then served in the British army. After his military service he joined a busy general practice in Liverpool, England, and in 1968 he moved to Ontario to practise general medicine. In 1970 he joined the Workers’ Compensation Board in Vancouver, and when a new position as medical officer was established in Nanaimo he was happy to resume island living. He retired in 1991, and enjoyed good years of travel and tranquil sunsets at his home.”
HAMITON, JAMES A. (HAMIsh), Nanaimo, BC; University of Glasgow (Scotland), 1941; RAMC, WW II; RCAF, 1952-55; general surgery. Died July 27, 2015, aged 96. Survived by his wife Josephine, 4 daughters, 2 stepchildren, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. “Hamish and his family escaped the Ontario winters and moved to Nanaimo, where he joined the practice of Drs. Maneely and Brown, and later became one of the founders of the Caledonian Clinic with Drs. Baldwin, Howey and Dudley. He was chief of surgery at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital until his forced retirement at age 63 due to a back injury.”

HUI, ALPHONSUS Z., Vancouver; University of Toronto, 1973; family medicine. Died Nov. 14, 2015, aged 68. Survived by his wife Josephine and 2 children. “Alphonsus enjoyed many talents, from choral singing to playing ping-pong, and he was a tireless volunteer and fundraiser for many community organizations. He also spearheaded the New Life Stem Cell Society, which educated the public on stem cell matching in battling blood disorders in order to increase the number of registered donors among ethnic minorities. The goal was to redress cultural reluctance to donate, specifically among Chinese-Canadians.” A physician wrote: “He was a gentleman, a thoughtful, calm colleague, a good friend.”

JENKINS, CHARLES O. (OLIVER), Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Cambridge University (England), 1963; internal medicine. Died Nov. 19, 2015, aged 76. Survived by his partner, Barbara Oliphant Connell, 4 children, his partner’s 2 children, 4 grandchildren and the mother of his children, Jadwiga. “He came to Canada in 1969 to work on neurologic research at Queen’s University, and moved to Sault Ste. Marie in 1976 after reading about its Group Health Centre. Oliver focused much of his work on neurology, working with the stroke prevention clinic at the hospital and sitting on committees for the Ontario Stroke Network.”

KHARE, UMESH, Calgary; King George’s Medical College (India), 1960. Died Dec. 19, 2015, aged 79. Survived by his wife Kanak, 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. “He was a gifted family physician who served 3 generations of families during his 50 years of medical practice in Prince George, BC.” A parent wrote: “My youngest fondly remembers visits to Dr. Khare, largely due to the stash of jelly beans in Dr. K’s left desk drawer, which would be opened when the visit ended. He was not just a family physician — he was a physician for the family.”

KINGSTON, MARK B., Charlottetown; RCAF, WW II; Dalhousie University, 1953; obstetrics and gynecology. Died Dec. 26, 2015, aged 91. Survived by his wife Marion, 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. “He was the fifth of 14 children, and spent 4 years in the RCAF during the war before he entered university. He practised in Chatham, NB, for several years before specializing and moving to Charlottetown, where he practised from 1967 to 1994.”

LEGERS, JOHN O., Quispamsis, NB; Dalhousie University, 1973; diagnostic radiology. Died Nov. 13, 2015, aged 69. Survived by his wife Rose, 4 children, 2 step-children and 5 grandchildren. “John was employed as a radiologist with Sussex Health Centre for several years. He loved reading, sailing, travelling and fishing, and was an avid wood carver.”

MARKSON, SARI, Toronto; University of Toronto, 1948; psychiatry. Died Nov. 13, 2015, aged 89. Survived by her husband Elliott, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. An acquaintance wrote: “My late brother graduated with Sari in medicine in 1948, a time when there were few women in the faculty. She was a charming and intelligent woman, much respected in her profession.”

MOIR, VIVIAN M., Sutton West, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1985; family medicine. Died in a traffic accident Dec. 4, 2015, aged 55. Survived by 3 children and her former husband, John Moir. The Georgia Advocate reported: “A community devastated is the overwhelming sentiment in Georgia Monday after a fatal chain-reaction accident claimed the life of one of the area’s most beloved doctors.” A patient wrote: “Vivian Moir was my family physician for many years, and she was instrumental in helping me weather some very tough times, and for that I am extremely grateful to her. I wish I had told her this while she was alive. It will be very difficult to find another physician who possesses her almost supernatural empathy and kindness.”

ROUNDHILL, ASHLEIGH (PADDY), Victoria; Queen’s University Belfast (Northern Ireland), 1954; family medicine. Died Dec. 21, 2015, aged 85. Survived by his wife Beryl, 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

SEAMAN, DONALD M., Kentville, NS; Dalhousie University, 1957. Died Nov. 26, 2015, aged 86. Survived by his wife Joan, 4 children and 3 grandchildren. “After 7 years of practising in Guysborough he was lured by the bright lights of Kentville, where he built a large practice and could be seen rushing from the OR to the office to a house call, then out for a run and, finally, home. He retired in 2012, after 55 years in practice.” When he retired, the King’s County Register/Advertiser reported: “While he is said to have a gruff façade, Dr. Don Seaman has a heart of gold. About 50 years ago, Teddy Hadley walked a mile with his wounded kitten to Seaman’s office in Guysborough and waited for 2 hours while Seaman, assisted by the town’s RCMP officer, removed the kitten’s paw, drying up the lad’s tears. ‘I was the medical examiner, the chef, cook and bottle washer, druggist, dentist and vet- erinarian,’ he chuckled, recalling that he had delivered 80 to 100 babies a year and ‘took out half the teeth in Guysborough County.’”

SLESAR, STEPHAN J., Charlestown, Mass.; McGill University, 1959; internal medicine, cardiology. Died Nov. 14, 2015, aged 83. Survived by his wife Corrine, 3 children and 5 grandchildren. “He enjoyed a long and successful career as a cardiologist at hospitals in Toronto, St. Catharines, Ont., and Ottawa.” A patient recalled: “When I gave birth he was the only physician who was not involved in my postnatal care to take time ‘just for a visit’ to see how I was doing.”