ADDITION, DAVID J., Ottawa; University of Edinburgh (Scotland), 1964; ophthalmology; professor and former director, post-graduate residency program in ophthalmology, University of Ottawa; former editor-in-chief, Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology. Died Dec. 8, 2016, aged 76. Survived by his wife Gwen, 2 children and 3 grandchildren.


BELAMIDE, MANUEL C., Montréal; University of Santo Tomas (Philippines), 1958. Died Dec. 3, 2016, aged 86.

BOAG, LORNA C., Kingston, Ont.; University of Aberdeen (Scotland), 1947; psychiatry. Died Nov. 30, 2016, aged 91. Survived by 4 children and 11 grandchildren. “Lorna began medical school at age 17 and was a trailblazing young physician who gave birth to 4 children in Montréal while completing her residency program in psychiatry. The family moved to Kingston in 1967, where she embarked on a successful career at Queen’s University, first as a child psychiatrist and in later years as a geriatric psychiatrist.”

BRUCE, GARTH A., Saskatoon; University of Saskatchewan, 1970; pediatrics. Died Nov. 30, 2016, aged 71. Survived by his wife Pam, 5 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. “He practised in La Ronge, Sask., for 3 years, and then studied pediatrics at Sick Children’s Hospital in Toronto. He returned home to the Prairies, where he practised in Regina for 9 years, then in Saskatoon for the next 27 years. He enjoyed helping his patients and their families, teaching medical students and working with pediatric residents.”

BUGDEN, CYRIL W., Halifax; Dalhousie University, 1959; family medicine. Died Nov. 4, 2016, aged 91. Survived by 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. “Cy was a family physician at the Woodlawn Medical Clinic in Dartmouth, NS, for 35 years. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret, whose sacrifices and support made it possible for him to attain his goal of becoming a physician.”


CHEFF, TERESA G. (GAIL), Ottawa; University of Ottawa, 1987; family medicine. Died Nov. 25, 2016, aged 54. Survived by her husband Brent and a daughter. “Gail served as a military medical officer before opening her medical office in Ottawa, where she practised for 25 years until she was forced to stop due to illness. Gail helped many people through end-of-life preparations. Over the past few months, she followed her own advice very well.”

CRUICKSHANKS, BRYAN, Sarnia, Ont.; University of Newcastle upon Tyne (England), 1961; ophthalmology. Died Dec. 17, 2016, aged 81. Survived by his wife Mary, 2 children and 2 grandchildren. “Bryan came to Sarnia in 1971, and was a pioneer in outpatient cataract surgery.” A patient recalled: “[I remember] his quiet, subtle humor. First, there was the extra-large fake needle on the tray that he toyed with. Then, after an injection with a smaller needle, there was a reward . . . a small glass of juice and a cookie. RIP Doc.”

DECHÈNE, JEAN-PAUL, Gatineau (Qc); Université Laval, 1948; anesthésiologie. Décédé le 18 décembre 2016, à l’âge de 93 ans. Il laisse dans le deuil 7 enfants, 13 petits-enfants et 4 arrière-petits-enfants.

DEVEBER, GEORGE A., Toronto; University of Toronto, 1956; internal medicine, nephrology; past president, Kidney Foundation of Canada. Died Nov. 19, 2016, aged 84. Survived by 2 children and 3 grandchildren. “George was a pioneer in nephrology. In 1965, at age 33, he founded the first chronic dialysis program in Ontario at Toronto Western Hospital, and he went on to lead the Division of Nephrology there until 1987. He also founded the first kidney transplant program in Ontario in 1968, and that same year was part of the transplant team for the province’s first heart transplant.”

DICK, JACOB A., Chilliwack, BC; University of Manitoba, 1956. Died Dec. 11, 2016, aged 90. Survived by his wife Irene, 4 children and 8 grandchildren. “The family emigrated from Russia, and Jake was the first surviving child born in the new land. Throughout more than 40 years in practice he was privileged to deliver more than 3000 babies, and became a much-loved family doctor who did house calls and often developed lifelong relationships with his patients.”

DUNLOP, IVOR H., Victoria; University of London (England), 1960; family medicine, general surgery. Died Dec. 10, 2016, aged 90. Survived by his wife Eva, 4 children and 8 grandchildren. “Ivor worked in Calgary at the Foothills, General, Grace and Colonel Belcher hospitals, then at Holy Cross for many years. He often had an intern with him. He helped patients and saved lives for more than 40 years.”

FRIC, ELANA C., North York, Ont.; University of Ottawa, 2003; family medicine; member, Health Policy Committee, Ontario Medical Association; associate professor, University of Toronto. Died Dec. 1, 2016, aged 40. Survived by 3 children. “We send our many thanks to those who have honoured Elana’s memory by donating to Shelt er Movers of Toronto and the Canadian Centre for Immigrant and Refugee Health Care. She was passionate about global health.
and equitable care for vulnerable populations, including women and refugees.”

GROOT, DONALD W., Edmonton; gold medallist, University of Alberta, 1973; dermatology. Died Dec. 11, 2016, aged 67. Survived by his wife Patricia and 2 sons. “Don was a pioneer in the field of dermatologic laser surgery, a clinical professor at the University of Alberta, an international educator and a member of the Edmonton Oilers’ medical team. He established the Groot DermaSurgery Centre in Edmonton, where he practised for over 30 years.”

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MAROTA, JOSEPH T., London, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1949; neurology; former head of neurology and physician-in-chief, St. Michael’s Hospital, Toronto; former associate dean, University of Toronto. Died Dec. 20, 2016, aged 90. Survived by his wife, Margaret (Peg) Hughes, 10 children and 20 grandchildren. “A master teacher and neurologist, he built the Department of Medicine at St. Michael’s Hospital. He continued to practise his craft for 65 years, retiring at age 88.”

MCKENZIE, ALVIN H., Sturgeon County, Alta.; University of Alberta, 1952; orthopedic surgery. Died Nov. 20, 2016, aged 90. Survived by his wife Phyl, 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. “He practised in Edmonton for over 6 decades. A full-time surgeon by day and full-time rancher the rest, he pioneered new methods of spinal surgery and, as a consultant, found new links between spinal injuries and concussions. Sadly, like some, he died just months after he retired, the difference being he retired at 89!”

MCKEOWN, THOMAS J., Guelph, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1961. Died Oct. 11, 2016, aged 86. Survived by 4 children and 5 grandchildren. “He co-founded Apple Hills Medical Associates in Mississauga, Ont., where he practised for over 30 years, and he was one of the founding doctors of the Trillium Health Centre.”

MURDOCH, MONICA E. (MONNIE), Vancouver; Queen’s University, 1952; psychiatry. Died Nov. 2, 2016, aged 91. Survived by 3 children and 6 grandchildren. “She attended medical school at Queen’s University, and was 1 of only 3 women in her graduating class and 1 of the first medical women in the operating theatre in Western Canada. She then decided to train in psychiatry, and took her final exams while pregnant with her son. She was a working mom, against all social norms back then. She was a firecracker of a woman.”

MURPHY, JOHN P., Sarnia, Ont.; University of Ottawa, 1959; internal medicine. Died Dec. 6, 2016, aged 85. Survived by his wife Ellen, 4 children and 3 grandchildren. “He joined Carruthers Clinic in 1964, and worked at both the Sarnia General and St. Joseph’s hospital sites. He also worked at Bluewater Health, where he served on many hospital committees and was instrumental in the creation of the intensive care and cardiac care units.”

ROBINSON, TREVOR I. (TR), North York, Ont.; State University of New York (US), 1967. Died Dec. 1, 2016, aged 79. Survived by his wife Ranga, 2 children and 3 grandchildren. “Trevor joined the cardiology staff at St. Michael’s Hospital, Toronto, in 1973, and in 2008 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Society of Echocardiography. He devoted countless hours to the treatment of his thousands of patients until his retirement in December 2015.”

SIMPSON, ROBERT E., Delta, BC; Queen’s University, 1945; anesthesiology. Died Dec. 4, 2016, aged 98.

STORRIE, VIOLET M., Winnipeg; University of Manitoba, 1950; internal medicine. Died Dec. 20, 2016, aged 93.

VASSOS, LAURIE J. (LJ), Saskatoon; University of Saskatchewan, 1980. Died of prostate cancer Dec. 4, 2016, aged 63. Survived by his wife Colleen and 2 children. “He practised as a family physician in Saskatoon for 35 years.”

VERGE, WYLIE F., Dartmouth, NS; Dalhousie University, 1955. Died Dec. 17, 2016, aged 87. Survived by his wife, Margaret Ellen, 4 children and 6 grandchildren. “Dr. Verge was a committed general practitioner who worked at the Pleasant Street Medical Group in Dartmouth for many years.”

WINISTOK, WILLIAM, Brandon, Man.; University of Manitoba, 1967; urology. Died Dec. 22, 2016, age 74. Survived by his wife Janice, 2 children and 2 grandchildren. “Bill practised in Windsor, Ont., until he moved to Brandon in 1981, and he was active in the medical community there until 2016. In 2012 Bill received the Meritorious Service Award from the Brandon Medical Staff.”