

# Colin Andrew Ramsay

**Born 11.06.1936. Died 24.04.2003.**

Colin Andrew Ramsay, MD, FRCP, FRCPC, clinician, researcher, and medical educator passed away in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 24th April 2003, in his 67th year after a recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Colin was born in Radcliffe, England. He spent the first half of his life in the UK, graduating in medicine from King's College Hospital Medical School, University of London, and practising dermatology in London as a Consultant at Guy's Hospital and St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, where he developed a special interest in photobiology. Seeking new challenges, Colin moved to Canada in 1975 with his wife Sheila, son James and daughter Anne to pursue his career as a dermatologist at The Toronto Western Hospital. He quickly established himself as a highly respected clinician and a dedicated academic. He became Professor of Dermatology at the University of Toronto, and served as Director of the Division of Dermatology at the university from 1977 to 1990 and later as Head of the Division of

Dermatology at The Toronto Hospital from 1981 to 1998. From 1985 to 1991 he was also Head of the Division of Dermatology at Women's College Hospital.

A significant portion of Colin's time was spent teaching and conducting clinical research. He was responsible for training many of Canada's dermatologists, and he took great pleasure in his academic work. In addition to his position at the University of Toronto and his many research projects, he maintained a busy private practice. He was as devoted to his patients as he was to his students.

When the opportunity arose in early 2002 to assume a teaching and clinical position at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center in Jeddah, Colin was eager to meet the challenge. He relished the opportunity to experience a new culture, to work in a new environment, and to teach another generation of young dermatologists. Colin worked at King Faisal until his death, showing a level of dedication that would surprise only those



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who did not know him well. His Saudi colleagues and students respected and loved him and this was reflected in their compassion during his final illness.

Colin's contributions to Canadian dermatology and medical education are immeasurable. He is fondly remembered by many students, colleagues, and patients. He will be deeply missed.

**James Ramsay**

Son