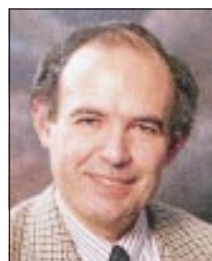


## George Sydney Anderson



Consultant pathologist Colchester and District Hospital, 1962-88 (*b* Wallsend on Tyne 1924; *q* Newcastle upon Tyne 1948; MD, FRCPath), died from pancreatic carcinoma on 28 February 1999. He spent a year as a ship's surgeon before returning to the Royal Victoria Infirmary to begin his chosen career. His experience was broadened by fellowships to Germany and the United States before he accepted a post at Colchester. George continued to build up the pathology department; he was an effective committee man, and was active in post-graduate education, being instrumental in establishing the Colchester and North-East Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre and serving as its first clinical tutor. In his youth he had been a distinguished soccer player and had once played with the legendary Tyneside idol, Jackie Milburn. In retirement he worked on improving his golf and he and his wife were generous hosts. He leaves a wife, Gertrude; a daughter and two sons; and five grandchildren. [GRIFF OWEN]

## David Paul de Bono



British Heart Foundation professor of cardiology Glenfield Hospital, Leicester (*b* Malta 1947; *q* Cambridge/St George's 1971; MD, FRCP), died from motor neurone disease on 29 April 1999. David gained first class honours at Cambridge and distinctions in several subjects at finals. After house jobs he

undertook research into the involvement of the vascular endothelial during rejection of renal transplants and it seemed that he might become a nephrologist, but he then switched to cardiology. In 1979 he was appointed consultant cardiologist at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh, where he maintained an active research programme, which included early studies on coronary thrombosis. After 10 years he moved to Leicester. Though an academic, he was an excellent clinician and could apply his research to clinical problems. His research included work into coronary artery disease in Asians, restenosis after balloon angioplasty, and clinical audit, especially after invasive and interventional procedures. He was the editor of the *International Journal of Cardiology*. All David's colleagues received quiet, friendly, and practical advice; he could focus and solve a problem without forcing his opinion on anyone. Although his illness was degenerative he took on more work than usual, even employing a voice synthesiser linked to a computer to address meetings. He leaves a wife, Anne (also a doctor), and two sons (one a medical student). [PETER J B HUBNER]

## John McKee



Former general practitioner South Shields (*b* Carlisle 1914; *q* Edinburgh 1937; OSTJ, CBE), died after a long series of cerebral infarcts on 1 May 1999. While a student he was a convener of Charities Week when his duties including leading the dancing at the ball with the ballerina, Dame Alicia Markova—the subject of many after dinner stories. He played a full part in the local community in South Shields and this was recognised by the award of the freedom of the borough. He was active in the local Conservative associations and was deputy mayor of the town. He was also a magistrate and chairman of the juvenile bench. John was a member of the local hospital management committee, lectured on first aid for many

years to railway employees on a voluntary basis, and was patron or president of many local societies. He helped to set up one of the first cooperative ventures to help GPs when faced with sudden illness and established an educational charity for the children of doctors. John was a popular speaker, well known for his sense of humour. He leaves a wife, Marjory (the daughter of the first GP he worked for); a son (a GP) and a daughter; and seven grandchildren (one an oncologist). [IAN MCKEE]

## Michael Seddon



General practitioner Wick, near Bristol, 1988-99 (*b* Gloucester 1953; *q* Birmingham 1977; MRCP, MRCPGP), died suddenly from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy on 30 April 1999. Mike was a registrar in medicine and neurology and then followed his wife into vocational training in general practice. They both joined the practice in Wick. He took an interest in cardiology as clinical assistant at the Royal United Hospital in Bath, and was involved in the development of the on-call cooperative and was elected to the board of the local primary care group. Mike was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable dinghy sailor, and his other interests included tennis, golf, and cricket. His energy was infectious to patients, colleagues, and friends. He leaves a wife, Jo, and three sons. [BERNARD WHITESIDE]

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