

OBITUARIES

John Crook

David Crook

Former consultant anaesthetist (b 1929; q Cambridge/Westminster Hospital 1954; MRCS Eng, DObst RCOG, DA Eng, FFA RCS Eng), died from complications of Parkinson's disease on 22 October 2013.

John Crook was born in Wigan and attended Wigan Grammar School. Soon after qualifying he did national service in Malaya and worked in anaesthetics in Singapore.

After demobilisation he dabbled in obstetrics and surgery but decided to go back to anaesthetics. He did a training post in north Manchester and, after obtaining FFA in 1964, a senior registrar post in south Manchester.

In 1965 he was appointed as consultant to the Wigan group of hospitals, where he did various administrative jobs. He spent four years as secretary of the medical advisory committee and

helped to create the new medical institute. His responsibilities included training junior staff, and he was the local correspondent for the anaesthetic mortality survey. For four years he chaired the intensive care unit subcommittee. Later he was chairman of the medical executive committee at Wrightington Hospital.

In 1990 he retired from Wigan Hospital but continued for two days a week at Wrightington Hospital, where he became medical director for three years.

After retiring in 1994 he enjoyed playing golf, mountain walking, and cycling. He leaves his wife, Hilary; two sons; a daughter; and three grandchildren.

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