

OBITUARIES

Ronald Mann

Michael Rawlins, Alasdair Breckenridge

Pharmaceutical physician and pharmacoepidemiologist (b 1928; q Westminster Hospital Medical School, 1952; MD, FRCGP, FRCP Glasgow and London, FFPM), died from cardiorenal failure on 19 November 2013.

After training in general medicine, Ronald Mann (“Ron”) spent six years in general practice before spending 19 years with the global pharmaceutical industry.

In 1982 he joined the medicines division of the Department of Health as medical assessor to the Committee on Safety of Medicines. In 1990 he became the founding editor of the journal *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* (his abiding interests), making the journal the leader in the subject. From 1994 to 1999

he was director of the drug safety research unit in the University of Southampton, where he introduced a systematic approach to prescription event monitoring studies as well as coordinating large studies especially on the safety of oral contraceptive steroids. His two major books, *Modern Drug Use* (1984) and *Pharmacovigilance* (3rd edition 2014) are standards in their areas.

Predeceased by his wives Eileen and Priscilla, Ron leaves his former wife, Christine, and five daughters. He was blessed with 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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