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## Michael Sternberg

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Michael Paul Sternberg was born in Vienna. After the annexation of Austria by Nazi Germany, his family managed to obtain a residence permit for Paraguay, and transit visas for Switzerland, France, Belgium, and the UK. On arrival in the UK, his family were given permission to remain as his adopted father was a doctor (obituary of Tobias Sternberg in *BMJ* 1978;1:117).

He attended Lancing College in 1946-51, Fields House, under the care of Patrick Halsey. On leaving he trained at St Mary's Medical School in London, where he qualified in 1958. On completing two years of national service, as a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he entered general practice in Rainham, Essex. He then became a senior house officer and registrar at Nethern Hospital, Caterham. He moved to the Westminster Hospital as a senior registrar. In 1971 he relocated to Bristol, where he served for many years as a consultant psychiatrist at both Bristol Royal Infirmary and Barrow Hospital, along with a private practice at 2 Clifton Park consulting rooms in Clifton. In later years he became disillusioned with reforms to psychiatric care and left the NHS to focus on medicolegal work. He retired in 2003. He was a dedicated physician, and his charm and competence endeared him to his patients.

He retired to Exmouth, and in recent years his health affected his love of travel, fine wine, and food. He lived with a deep cultural heritage from his Austro-Hungarian family, in conjunction with the shadow of Anschluss and dislocation.

He leaves both his first and second wives, two sons and five grandchildren, one stepson and one stepdaughter, and seven step grandchildren.

Consultant psychiatrist (b 1933; q St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, 1958), died from prostate cancer coupled with onset dementia on 10 October 2021