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John Philip Rathbone Hartley's research into asthma during his higher professional training in south Wales was recognised by the award of the British Thoracic Society prize (for the trainee with the best research in the UK) in 1978. He was appointed consultant in Brighton in 1981. He obtained funding for further research into asthma; and did lengthy terms as lead of the medical directorate and director of medical education. He oversaw the design and construction of a large education centre and was involved with the establishment of Brighton and Sussex Medical School. He was the easiest of colleague—hardworking, wise, popular, and had encyclopaedic knowledge. His style was quiet, reflective, analytical, and self effacing, with gentle, dry humour. Leisure interests were fishing and painting. An outstanding clinical teacher, he inspired a generation of physicians, many of whom went on into respiratory medicine. He leaves his wife, Carol; two children; and two grandchildren.

Consultant physician, respiratory and general medicine, Brighton (b 1946; q Trinity College Oxford/University College Hospital, London, 1971; DM, FRCP), died from metastatic prostate cancer on 21 December 2022