OBITUARY

DR W BRIAN GOUGH

Former consultant anaesthetist Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, Solibull Hospital, and general practitioner Solibull. (b 1909; q Birmingham 1932; DA Eng 1937). Died peacefully on 28 June 1999, after a short illness in his 90th year.

Brian was one of the last of the general practitioner-specialists to hold a consultant appointment in a teaching hospital and be senior partner of a suburban group practice. Born on 26 July 1909 at Putney, London, he was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham and Birmingham University. He played an active role in the Birmingham Medical Institute, he was President of the Section of Anaesthetics 1961 and President of the Institute 1975-79. At the time of his death he was serving the Institute as honorary librarian.

Keenly interested in the history of medicine, he was a leading member of the University of Birmingham Society for the History of Medicine. He was also a member of the Osler Club, the Royal Society of Medicine, the History of Anaesthesia Society and the Birmingham Archaeological Society.

His collection of historical material was such that his help was sought by and freely given to such distinguished medical historians as John A Shepherd and Richard Ellis. His other interests included numismatics and philately. An active member of the BMA he was Chairman of the Birmingham Division 1965 and President of the Midland Branch 1971. He was made a Fellow of the BMA in 1981.

Predeceased by his wife Marjorie, he leaves three sons (one a consultant anaesthetist) and a daughter; fourteen grandchildren; and four great grand children.

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DR NORMAN A BERGMAN - 1926-1999

Named one of the WLM Laureates of the History of Anesthesia for 2000, Dr. Norman Bergman died on 14 November 1999, at the age of 73.

Born in Seattle, Washington, on 14 October, 1926, Dr Bergman moved at the age of nine to Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Reed College in 1949, and the University of Oregon Medical School in 1951. Dr. Bergman left the Northwest to do an internship at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, and his residency at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York from 1952 to 1954. During his four years on staff at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, he developed his interest in research and education.