

OBITUARY**DR W BRIAN GOUGH**

**Former consultant anaesthetist Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, Solihull Hospital, and general practitioner Solihull. (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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OBITUARY**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.

In 1958, Dr. Bergman became Chief of Anesthesia at the Veterans Administration Hospital and faculty of the University of Utah, College of Medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah. At this time, he devoted more time to his interest in Anesthesia research. Between 1963 and 1964, he spent a year at The Royal College of Surgeons, in London, England to research pulmonary gas exchange in the lungs during anesthesia.

In 1970, Dr. Bergman was appointed the first Professor of Anesthesia at the University of Utah. That same year, he returned to Portland, Oregon to become Chairman of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Oregon Medical School, and he resumed his interest in education and the training of future Anesthesiologists. He resigned the Chairmanship in 1981, and returned to England to do more research. He also spent several months in Stockholm, Sweden at the Karolinska Institute. Later, he returned to OHSU where he remained on staff until his retirement in 1989.

Dr Bergman was a visiting professor at various universities and was Associate Examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiologists during his long career. In 1976, he was elected a Fellowship in Faculty of Anesthetics of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, FRCA.

A prolific writer, Dr Bergman published more than eighty articles, both scientific and historical, in a number of journals during his lifetime. He also served as a book reviewer and reference editor for various journals. After he retired from active practice, he continued his interest in the history of Anesthesiology. He published "The Genesis of Surgical Anesthesia" in 1998, and received the David M Little Award of the Anesthesia History Association in 1999.

Dr. Bergman also served as a Sergeant in the Medical Department of the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He was a Reserve Officer in the Medical Corps, U.S. Army from 1951 to 1970, and Chief of Anesthesia in the 328th General Hospital, U.S. Army Reserve, 1959 to 1970, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

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