

One can speculate that, in the future, clinical examination may well become a less central part of the consultation, and clinical skills in this area of practice may wane. Use of newer modes of imaging has superseded or replaced many of the traditional routines of assessment by clinical examination. The precision of biochemical analysis of blood and other samples now provides more direct paths to diagnosis, as does endoscopy. The continuing pressures of limited time available for consultation often mean that the whole palaver involved in undressing, then dressing again, can reduce the time available for talking and listening. That then alters the character of the consultation. Will clinicians then feel less inhibition around exploration of patients' feelings and relationships? Will patients feel more at ease in expressing their feelings if they do not have to strip off? Will 'clinical' then lose its acquired and somewhat prejudicial meaning?

**Philip Myerscough**

*Retired Senior Lecturer in Gynaecology, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK*

**Email:** p.myerscough657@btinternet.com

## References

- 1 Kameledeen A, Vivekanantham S. The rise and fall of uroscopy as a parable for the modern physician. *J R Coll Physicians Edinb* 2015; 45: 63–6.
- 2 Shuttleton DE. The Medical Consultation Letters of Dr William Cullen: the launch of a digital edition. *J R Coll Physicians Edinb* 2015; 45: 188–9.

# *In memoriam*

*In memoriam* brings to the attention of Fellows and Collegiate Members the deaths of colleagues and friends. Obituaries paying tribute to the life and work of those whose deaths have been reported in *In memoriam* can be found on the College website: [www.rcpe.ac.uk/obituaries](http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/obituaries)

Fellows and Collegiate Members are invited to provide the Obituaries Editor ([editorial@rcpe.ac.uk](mailto:editorial@rcpe.ac.uk)) with information that will enable us to write or commission obituaries. Self-written obituaries to be held in readiness by the Obituaries Editor will always be welcome.

**Dr B Asgher FRCP Edin**

Born: 25.01.1935 Died: 07.12.2016  
Specialty: General Internal Medicine  
MB Dhaka 1958, DTM&D L'pool 1969

**Professor TH Bothwell FRCP Edin**

Born: 27.02.1926 Died: 12.11.2016  
Specialty: General Internal Medicine  
MB Wits 1947, MD Wits 1953, DSc Wits 1965, Hon MD Cape Town 1986, Hon MD Natal 1993, DMedSc Wits 1994

**Professor CD Katsetos FRCP Edin**

Born: 20.03.1958 Died: 21.03.2017  
Specialty: Pathology  
MD St George's, PhD Bergen 2002

**Dr NJ Macdonald MBE FRCP Edin**

Born: 17.01.197 Died: 03.12.2016  
Specialty: General Practice/Primary Care  
MB Edin 1961, DRCOG 1963

**Professor JFK Mason FRCP Edin**

Born: 19.12.1919 Died: 26.01.2017  
Specialty: Law and Ethics  
BA Camb 1939, MB Camb 1942, MA Camb 1944, DipChemPath Lond 1950, MD Camb 1961, DTM&H 1962, DMJ 1963, LLD Edin 1987

**Dr S Nariman FRCP Edin**

Born: 30.07.1925 Died: 26.11.2016  
Specialty: Respiratory Medicine  
MB Mumbai 1950, MRCS, LRCP Lond, MRCP Edin 1959

**Professor DG Seymour FRCP Edin**

Born: 27.05.1949 Died: 17.12.2016  
Specialty: Geriatric Medicine  
Bsc Birm 1972, MB Birm 1973, MD Birm 1988

**Dr PL Tiwari FRCP Edin**

Born: 01.07.1945 Died: 01.07.2016  
Specialty: Cardiovascular Medicine  
BSc Banaras Hindu, MB Banaras Hindu 1967, MD Banaras Hindu 1971