

Foundation Award

Dr David Scott



Dr. David Scott has had a long and fruitful anaesthesia career.

A graduate of The University of Edinburgh, David was initially appointed as a Consultant General and Vascular Anaesthetist at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. Having been an Astra Fellow, a lecturer and Senior Registrar there previously, he moved on to Cardiac Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, where he spent many years committed to improving standards of care, and to helping patients, whom he treated with great respect and compassion.

He has always been a colleague fond of his contraptions, perhaps brought upon by his desire for safe patient conditions, though I reckon he would have utilised technology in any professional area. It was always important to him to ensure safety in equipment, and in years gone by he was frequently seen making modifications to older machinery, screwdriver in hand, sometimes at night, such was his dedication. In addition to his Scottie Knot for securing central venous catheters, he has designed a number of theatre devices, including a pressure infuser, but the one I prefer is his transoesophageal echocardiograph probe support arm, which facilitates convenient manipulation of the device.

David has published abundantly, and has been a wise, creative teacher, imparting his clinical expertise to both anaesthesia trainees and consultant colleagues. I for one have benefited from his advice on a number of occasions. After all, training continues after College Accreditation.

David has always been a kindly colleague, with a sense of humour, sometimes inflicted upon the unsuspecting or even, in his great beneficence, upon lesser mortals such as this author, a graduate of The University of Glasgow.

David has delivered devoted service to the NHS and to Anaesthesia as a specialty, and in recognition was awarded an Association of Anaesthetists Pask Certificate of Honour in 2009. He has always been a great supporter of the Association, and for some years has been a key member of the Association's Anaesthesia Equipment Standards Committee. His attention to detail has been invaluable to the better functioning of that committee.

The evidence is that David loved his work in anaesthesia, because he admirably bucked the current trend towards early retirement by continuing his clinical work until the age of 68.

I am sure readers will agree David richly merits this Association of Anaesthetists Foundation Award.

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