Brian Ernest Kendall

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It is with a sad heart that we inform you of the death of Brian Ernest Kendall on May 3, 2015. Brian Kendall was born in Bolton on January 29, 1929, but moved, aged seven, to Limerick, Ireland, with his younger sister. He earned himself a scholarship to Trinity College, Dublin, to read Medicine, where he excelled not only academically but also on the playing fields as a middle distance runner, rugby player and competitive swimmer. After he qualified, Brian moved to London in early 1954 where he specialized in Radiology.

In 1962, Brian was appointed consultant radiologist at the London Chest Hospital and in 1964, the Middlesex Hospital. Following his appointment to the Middlesex Hospital, he took off to Oslo to specialize in Neuroradiology. From 1967 until 1974, he was consultant at the National Hospital for Nervous

Diseases, Maida Vale. In 1974, he was appointed Consultant Neuroradiologist at the Lysholm Department of Radiology in the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, and at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. He continued in these posts until his retirement in 1994.

In the early 1970s, Brian began devising techniques to isolate catastrophic brain haemorrhages by inserting tiny homemade balloons into blood vessels to shut off affected tissue, an innovative and life-saving technology at that time. In 1977, he was awarded the Barclay Prize by the British Institute of Radiology, and from 1979–1981, he was a visiting professor at the University of California, San Francisco.

In 1984, Brian was appointed the Director of the Lysholm Department of Radiology. In the 1990s, the triumvirate—Brian Kendall, Ivan Moseley and Derek Kingsley—was famous throughout the world. In 1988, Brian Kendall received the Barclay Medal for original contributions in Neuroradiology, and in 1992, he was the President of The British Society of Neuroradiologists. Brian was recognized as a world-leading Diagnostic, Paediatric and Interventional Neuroradiologist. He published over 600 papers and chapters in books and has an h-index 68.

Brian has trained a considerable number of neuroradiologists, many of them attaining leading positions in the field. Those he worked with have described him as a man of incredible intellect, a kind and courteous man with a very British sense of humour, a perfect gentleman, a wonderful colleague with a quiet but commanding presence, a brilliant medical expert, a great inspiration and an excellent teacher. He very rapidly transmitted to his co-workers enthusiasm and passion and made the Lysholm Radiological Department one of the most well-known throughout Europe in the 1980s and 1990s.

After his retirement from the National Health Service at age 65, Brian maintained strong connections with neuroradiology

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as an honorary Consultant Neuroradiologist at the Wellington Hospital, the Princess Grace Hospital and the Royal Free Hospital where he continued doing Interventional Neuroradiology until the age of 79.

After giving up clinical work, Brian continued to use his unsurpassed expertise and boundless energy in his work as an expert witness in medico-legal cases, where he was described as fair, thoughtful, kind and, above all else, seemingly always right. His views were completely respected by medical and legal practitioners on both sides.

Brian Kendall was a loving husband and father. His lovely wife Sylvia unexpectedly and prematurely passed away in 1996. They had four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brian will be remembered with great affection and respect by generations of neuroradiologists who will keep the fondest memories of him.