



## IN MEMORIAM

### Arnold Teeger

Arnold Teeger was born in Johannesburg in 1912 and was educated at Parktown Boys High. He qualified from Wits University in December 1936.

After serving as both house officer and house surgeon at the old Johannesburg Hospital for 18 months, he became surgical registrar and chief assistant to the legendary Dr JJ Levin. Teeger seemed set for a career in surgery, although the outbreak of the war interrupted his plans.

He served on the SAMC from 1940-45, after a brief period in general practice as Dr Teddy Schneider's assistant. Thereafter he returned to general practice, enjoying a long and fulfilled life as an exemplary and dedicated doctor.

He enjoyed practising medicine in all its facets and always strove to deliver the highest possible standards. His wise counsel was repeatedly sought and his carefully considered advice and judgement readily given.

Arnold, with his high energy levels, was able to combine his demanding practice with a successful career as a life insurance medical consultant. He served as chief medical officer to leading local and international companies for about 30 years.

He was the first member of the Medical Association to join the Professional Provident Society fund in 1944. There he served as chairperson of the board on six occasions. He enjoyed many interests apart from medicine, including playing golf.

He is survived by his wife, Adele, and three sons.

Joseph Teeger

### David Friedberg



David Friedberg was born in Crimea on 14 May 1921 and died at the age of 81 in August 2002.

Dave was educated at Nylstroom Primary and Jeppe High Schools. He obtained his MB ChB in 1946 and in 1953 he became registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology. In 1957 he became a member of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in London. During October of the same year, he registered as a specialist in South Africa.

As one of the first graduates, he received a fellowship from the SACollege of Surgeons, Physicians and Gynaecologists in

1958. Dave started consultant practice in 1959 in Johannesburg. In 1968 he obtained an MD from Wits for his thesis on gynaecological bilharzia in Southern Africa.

He published several scientific papers and contributed to chapters in medical textbooks. He co-authored *Gynaecology in South Africa* with GP Charlewood.

Dave was also very talented in athletics, rugby, cricket and shotput. His prowess in squash earned him a place in the prestigious Jester's Club and later he became a useful member of the Blesboks, its local equivalent. Eventually Dave became the team doctor.

He was a loyal supporter of the S-bend at the Wanderers, a member of Taverners and the 100 club at Wits. At all three venues he could regale a winning audience with hairy stories of his houseman days. Dave was a real *bon viveur*. He will be remembered as a gentle, fair and generous man.

He was married to actress and writer Shirley Firth for 45 years. He leaves behind Shirley, his children Mark and Danna, and grandchildren Jade-Starr, Jess and Jamie.

RI Cochrane

### Books Received

*The receipt of these books is acknowledged, and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the sender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits. The SAMJ does not publish unsolicited reviews.*

**ABC of Clinical Haematology.** Second edition. Edited by Drew Provan. Pp. vii + 75. Illustrated. £18. BMJ. 2003. ISBN 0-7279-1576-9.

**Acoustic Neuroma.** Consensus on Systems for Reporting Results. Keio University International Symposia for Life Sciences and Medicine. Volume 10. Edited by J Kanzaki, M Tos, M Sanna, DAMoffat, T Kunihiro and Y Inoue. Pp. xvi + 193. Illustrated. Springer-Verlag, Tokyo. 2003. ISBN 4-431-70341-1.

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