Obituary

Professor V.N. Acharya
8th January 1938 – 5th May 2014

Dr. Vidya N. Acharya, former Professor & Head of the Department of Medicine and later Professor and Head of the Department of Nephrology at the Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, left for her heavenly abode on 5th May 2014.

Dr. Acharya was a senior and active member of the Association of Physicians of India and a Founder Fellow of the Indian College of Physicians. She was an Associate Editor of API Textbook of Medicine VII Edition and an active member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Association of Physicians of India. She will always be remembered by the Editorial Board of JAPI for her critical and constructive suggestions.

She was instrumental in the Foundation of the Indian Society of Nephrology, the Indian Society of Organ Transplantation and Hypertension Society of India and was President of all 3 Societies in the course of her illustrious career. She pioneered the development of nephrology as a medical super-specialty in the western region, setting up the Department of Nephrology at the KEM Hospital in 1967. She was also instrumental in development of nephrology across the country and in the International arena. After her retirement, she participated in the teaching program at the Muljibhai Patel Urological Hospital, Nadiad and was an active member of the Education Committee and the Hypertension and Kidney Disease Committee of the International Federation of Kidney Foundations. Her contributions earned her the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Indian Society of Nephrology and, more recently, the prestigious South Asia Pioneer Award was bestowed on her by the International Society of Nephrology.

A dedicated, popular and sought-after teacher, guide and mentor to many, an able administrator and tough task-master, a compassionate and caring physician, she will be fondly remembered by her students as a loving motherly Madam Acharya.

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