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The Faculty of Medicine and Dalhousie University are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Robert (Bob) Fraser, MD, FRCS, family physician, obstetrician, gynecologist, gynecologic oncologist, and former professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Dalhousie University, on Feb. 1, 2022 at the age of 85.

Born in Halifax, Dr. Fraser graduated with his medical degree from Dalhousie in 1961, receiving the Allan J Currie Medal for highest standing in obstetrics and gynecology. He practiced family medicine until 1964, before pursuing a fellowship in obstetrics and gynecology, which he received in 1968. He furthered his speciality training in gynecologic oncology at the MD Anderson Hospital and Tumour Institute in Houston, Texas. He returned to Halifax and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Dalhousie University in 1972 where he remained until his retirement in 1995.

During his career, Dr. Fraser furthered his skills through study at the Anti-Cancer Council in Victoria, Australia, reviewing the role of behavioural medicine in the prevention and treatment of Gynecologic disease. He completed study periods in Chicago, Florida and Vancouver. He was president of the Nova Scotia Cancer Society and was actively involved at the national level. He had leadership roles at the Grace Maternity Hospital, the Victoria General Hospital, NS Medical Society, NS Cancer Centre, and the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada.

Dr. Fraser was instrumental in developing the Nova Scotia Gynecological Cancer Screening Program and the Gestational Trophoblastic Disease Registry, Treatment and follow-up program. He also chaired the team who brought the Cancer Lodge to Halifax.

A true patient advocate, Dr. Fraser received many awards throughout his career. His most cherished was the Award of Excellence given by the Victoria General medical staff for his commitment to holistic care.

Dr. Fraser was a devoted son, father, uncle, and grandfather. He will be profoundly missed.

For the full obituary, [click here](#).