

In Memoriam: Dr. Bernard (Bernie) Badley

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It is with great sadness that we share the news that Dr. Bernard (Bernie) Badley, a retired faculty member, passed away on April 30, 2021, at the age of 87, surrounded by his loving family.

Dr. Badley graduated from London University's St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College with his MBBS in 1957. After further training, he signed on with the Canadian forces for a three-year contract to fulfil his national service obligation. Dr. Badley began his career with Dalhousie Medical School and the (now) Nova Scotia Health Authority in 1965 – a journey that would continue for the next 50 years. As one of the first gastroenterologists in Atlantic Canada, Dr. Badley revelled in his role as teacher to generations of medical students and postgraduates who trained under his tutelage.

Dr. Badley held several administrative roles within Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine (including Vice-Dean) and the Royal College of Canada where, for several years, he served as Chief Examiner of Gastroenterology. At the Victoria General Hospital, he served as the hospital's Executive Director to fill a short term vacancy. He did so for a year before returning to his clinical role. Several years later, he agreed to do it for *another* year and, at the end of this term, agreed to continue on as President and CEO on the condition that he could make major structural changes disentangling the VG from the provincial civil service which bound the hospital to provincial regulations. Under Dr. Badley's leadership, existing upper management ranks were eliminated and replaced by four externally recruited Vice Presidents and the tools and philosophy of Continuous Quality Improvement were embraced. Dr. Badley returned to clinical practice and became the Clinical Consultant in Gastroenterology at the Stadacona Medical Centre in Halifax.

Dr. Badley was the founder and Medical Director of Nova Scotia's Colon Cancer Prevention Program, the most comprehensive in Canada, in 2009. Under his supervision, the novel program ultimately decreased the number of Nova Scotians being diagnosed with and dying from colon cancer.

Throughout his life, apart from family, his two major interests were rugby and music. He was a referee and officiated at the Canada Games in Thunder Bay in 1981. He became a Vice-President of the Canadian Rugby Union and, later, Canada's representative on the International Rugby Board's medical advisory committee. Dr. Badley's commitment to the [Tupper Band](#), a was a commitment he held for over 40 years serving as the band's conductor. As part of the Tupper Band's 30th Anniversary Spring Concert that took place in April 2010, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, then Dr. Thomas Marrie, presented the first ever Dr. Bernard Badley Music in Medicine Scholarship. This was to honour both Dr. Badley and his dedication over many years as a faculty member of Dalhousie University and 30 years as the conductor of the Tupper Concert Band.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [QEII Foundation](#) in support of The Badley Fellowship in Advanced Gastroenterology fund.

Full obituary can be found online [here](#).