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## In Memoriam: Dr. Daniel Alexander Gillis

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The Faculty of Medicine is saddened to hear of the passing of retired faculty member, Dr. Daniel Alexander Gillis, on March 27, 2024, at the age of 95.

Born in 1928, Dr. Gillis grew up in Port Hawkesbury, Cape Breton and obtained his medical degree from Dalhousie University. He completed his postgraduate training both in Canada and the United States before returning to Halifax where he would spend the bulk of his career as the Chief of Surgery at the IWK Children's Hospital.

He dedicated his career to children's health and in 1997 was recognized with the Order of Canada for the introduction and development of techniques of open-heart surgery in children. He was a former President of the Canadian Association of Paediatric Surgeons, and well known as an exceptional mentor to students and colleagues alike.

A devoted and professional physician, Dr. Gillis will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

[Read his full obituary.](#)