



PROFESSOR J GORDON MCVIE

MD, PhD, FRCP, FRCS Ed (Hon), FMedSci, DSc (Hon), MD (Hon)

JANUARY 1945 - JANUARY 2021

4

Approved cancer medicines

6

Honorary doctorates from universities of medicine/science

6

Prizes/medals won

240

Patents filed under his leadership

10

Guest lecturer at universities globally

35

Different contributions to books

In life, Gordon McVie was a formidable figure in oncology.

Tributes to Gordon have poured in from the worldwide oncology community with many referencing his deeply-held belief that clinicians and researchers should put patients at the heart of everything they do.

Professor McVie is widely regarded as having been a leading international authority in the research and treatment of cancer and his enthusiasm shone brightly until the end of his life.

Until he fell ill late last year, he continued to hold numerous prestigious posts including:

- Clinical Research Advisor, Institute of Molecular Oncology, (IFOM) Milan
- Chairman of the European Alliance for Personalised Medicine
- Visiting Professor, Cancer Studies, Kings College London
- Chairman of Board, ORIL, Adelaide, Australia
- Co-Founder and Honorary President, ecancer.org
- Director and Chairman, Cancer Intelligence & Chairman of Scientific Affairs and Non-Executive Director, Ellipses Pharma.

Education was a huge part of Gordon's life and he co-founded ecancer.org, a charity with the mission to raise the standards of care for cancer patients across the world through education. The concept behind ecancer.org was to provide a peer-reviewed journal that was free to access and publish in.

Gordon, who raised around £1m for the project and worked as editor in chief until 2019, also recognised the importance of strong educational content.

The website now attracts more than 60 000 visitors per month and has built up a repository of over 9000 oncology educational videos.

From the day he graduated in Pathology at the University of Edinburgh, he forged a remarkable career, establishing himself as a much-respected oncologist. His reputation worldwide was well-earned. He was a passionate advocate for patients and the public good, an unwavering commitment that won him many friends and admirers. They talk warmly of his ability to talk to people touched by cancer in a language they could relate to and understand.

Gordon McVie's professional qualifications and the distinctions he achieved are notable and numerous.

DISTINCTIONS

1976 Gunning Victoria Jubilee Prize in Pathology

1977 Honeyman Gillespie Lecturer in Medicine

1979 Visiting Fellow, University of Paris, Department of Medical Oncology

1979 Visiting Fellow, Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam

1980 Consultant, Carcinogenesis of Cytostatic Drugs, International Agency Research Cancer, WHO, Lyon

1983 Visiting Professor, University of Sydney, NSW Australia

1990 Visiting Professor, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, London University

1990 Chairman UICC Fellowships Program and Board member (Union Internationale Contre le Cancer/International Union Against Cancer)

1994 President, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer

1994 First European Editor of Journal of the National Cancer Institute, USA

2002 King of Jordan's Medal for Excellence in Science

1995 Visiting Professor, University of Glasgow

1996 Semmelweis Medal for Excellence in Science, Budapest

2000

2001 Medal of the National Scientific Research Fund of Belgium

2002 Silver Medal, Royal Scottish Society of Arts

2002 Medal of the National Cancer Society of Greece

2003 Visiting Professor in Cancer Medicine, University of Cardiff

2006