



## IN MEMORIAM

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### Dr. Duncan Govan

Dr. Govan died on September 28, 2007, at the age of 84 after a prolonged illness. Dr. Govan served as acting chief of staff at Stanford Hospital and was known as a great humanitarian, educator and advocate for students and junior clinicians. He was professor emeritus of urology at Stanford University.

Dr. Govan was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1923. He earned his medical degree from the University of Manitoba in 1948 and spent 3 years in a general surgery residency, followed by 1 year in gynecology. In 1954, he moved to the University of Chicago for a urology residency. While there, he obtained his PhD in renal physiology in 1956. In 1958, he moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he worked with a urology group for 3 years.

Dr. Govan was awarded a National Research Council grant, allowing him to return to research, until he went to Stanford. Although Dr. Govan was a general urologist, his main expertise was in pediatric urology. Many of his investigations were in the field of neurophysiology of the bladder and the upper urinary tract. In addition to his clinical work and research, he instituted several teaching and educational programs. He began seminars to keep local urologists up to date on research. As chair of the medical school's curriculum committee from 1977 to 1980, Dr. Govan co-developed a research program to encourage medical students to enter the field of biological research with the guidance of a faculty mentor. He received the Kaiser Award for Education and the Rambar Award for Excellence in Patient Care, among many other honours.

Dr. Govan is survived by his wife, Eileen Patricia of Portola Valley, 6 children and many grandchildren.