

Fram Patuck (C '41)

Fram Patuck MRCS Eng; LRCP London 1946; MRCP 1977; FRCGP 1989
Former general practitioner (b 1924; q St Bartholomew's Medical School 1946; d 29/8/14)

Fram was born in London and grew up in Golders Green, attending St Alfred's School before completing his schooling at Bryanston in Dorset. He studied medicine at Saint Bartholomew's Medical School in London. Qualifying in 1946, he did a variety of house jobs, mainly at Chase Farm in Enfield and Barnet General Hospital, appearing to start on a career as an orthopaedic surgeon. In May 1948, after marrying Margaret, a Bart's nurse, he joined Doctors Scott and Wood in general practice in East Barnett, where he eventually became a partner.

With the new GP charter in the mid 1960s and appalled at the prospect of moving into the controlled environment of a new NHS Health Centre in East Barnett, Fram decided to 'go it alone'. He converted his own premises in Station Road, New Barnett, where for several years he was a singlehanded practitioner. His new-found professional independence led him to expand his practice and, after several assistants, was joined in 1947 by Howard Thomas and 10 years later by Bridget Wadsworth as partners.

He developed various other medical interests, including occupational medicine for various local firms, teaching for St John's Ambulance and as a Police Surgeon for much of North London. He was a lifetime member of the British Medical Association and sat on the Local Medical Committee in Barnet for several years. He became a GP trainer of future GP Registrars and was himself one of the first GPs to become a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners by examination in 1988. He went on to be appointed a Fellow of the Royal College of Royal Practitioners in 1989. As a member of the Association of Police Surgeons, he developed a keen professional interest in forensic medicine conferences in Europe and around the world. He continued to do this well into his retirement, as well as doing locum work, even as far as Hong Kong for one of his old trainees.

Following the untimely death of his first wife from cancer, Fram married Vivian and they retired in his late 60s to Woodmancote in Cirencester. His practice in New Barnett continues to thrive today as Adlington Medical Centre. He was also a lifetime member of the Royal Society of Medicine, the Harverian Society, Osler Club, as well as an Associate Member of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians. He was an active member of his Bart's 13th Decennial Club for many years. Fram leaves his wife, Vivian, two children and eight grandchildren.