

A Tribute to Dr. Arun R. Chitale



Dr. Arun R. Chitale who was a source of inspiration and a role model to many Indian pathologists was a highly respected and esteemed surgical pathologist, cytologist and electron microscopist who touched the lives of many patients, pathologists and clinicians passed away in Mumbai recently in end February 2021.

Dr. Chitale was an excellent teacher, superb histopathologist, an author, researcher and academician par excellence all rolled into one, and above all a down to earth human being.

Dr. Chitale completed his MBBS and MD in the early 'nineteen sixties' and held a Diplomate from the American Board of Pathology in 1969. He held senior positions at several leading hospitals; Professor and Head of Pathology at Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences and Bombay Hospital, Sir. H.N. Hospital and Jaslok hospital to name a few. He also served as Assoc. Prof. at Grant Medical College and was associated with the JJ Hospital Bone Registry, GT hospital, Municipal ENT Hospital, Wadia Maternity, Wadia Childrens Hospital, Saifee Hospital, Cama and Albeless Hospital and KEM Hospital. Cases were regularly sent to him for an expert opinion.

Dr. Chitale was a keen academician and has written many books on Cancer, Pathology of Male Genito Urinary System and Renal Biopsies. He had a large number of publications in national and international journals, and was on the Editorial Board of several journals. He was invited as a Faculty for many National and International CMEs Conferences and Updates. He organised several academic conferences where he invited several renown International faculty including Dr Juan Rosai and others to speak in India, which was of great benefit to the Indian pathologists.

Dr. Chitale was nationally and Internationally recognised and had several awards to his credit. He had a massive collection of glass slides of exotic cases and was always ready to teach and share his knowledge, practical experience and wisdom. On a personal note, he always readily agreed to teach at several CME's organised at Goa whenever approached, for which we will always remain grateful.

Dr. Chitale was considered to have been one of the pioneers in surgical pathology in India, and brought pathology from behind the scenes to the front stage.

A life well lived. May his soul Rest in Peace.

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