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Dr Ian Gregg 1925-2009

Ian Gregg was well known for his pioneering work in asthma, and its treatment and monitoring in general practice and by the patient at home. He was particularly instrumental in getting the peak flow meter accepted as a valuable indicator of airway resistance change before and during an asthma attack. Perhaps his best known work was in establishing normal peak flow values (Nunn & Gregg, *Br Med J* 1989;**298**:1068-70).

Ian was educated at Westminster, and after leaving in 1943 joined the Army. He spent much time in India, which he loved, and became fluent in Urdu. On demobilisation he went up to Wadham College, Oxford, and then qualified at Westminster Hospital Medical School in 1954. House jobs followed at the Westminster, Brompton, and St Stephen's Hospitals.

Ian's ambitions were always in general practice, and from 1958 to 1982 he was a principal at practices in Roehampton and later at Kingston-upon-Thames. He continued research as a clinical assistant at the Westminster. In 1962 Ian observed the increase in airway resistance in many asthmatic patients without symptoms, and in 1964 published his classic paper on the use of the Wright peak flow meter in general practice (*J Coll Gen Pract* 1964;**7**(2):199-214)

From 1982 until 1987 he was senior lecturer at Southampton University. He travelled widely, lecturing, presenting research, helping and advising industry, and making many friends.

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