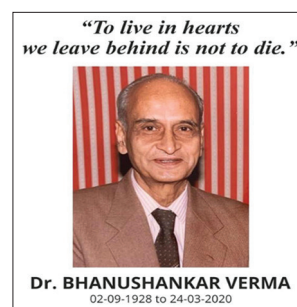


Dr. B. S. Verma

Dr. B S Verma was born in a humble family in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. He graduated as MBBS from Agra Medical College. He acquired his postgraduate (PG) qualification in Skin and VD from KEM Hospital, Mumbai. He did his PhD from the famed St. John's Skin Institute in London in 1962. He started the Department of Skin and VD at Medical College Baroda, Gujarat, in the year 1954. He was instrumental in starting a PG course in dermatology at the same institute and was the first to start such a course in the state of Gujarat. He retired in 1986.

He was one of the founder members of Indian Association for the Study of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (IASSTD). He was the National President of IASSTD and AIDS. He organized ASTICON twice in Vadodara, in the years 1984 and 2003. He was the first consultant dermatologist to the Armed Forces and to the Gujarat Police Force. He played a pivotal role in fighting leprosy and HIV as one of the earliest members of the National AIDS Control Organisation's technical resource group. Dr. Verma was also the honorary physician (dermatologist) to the President of India. In addition, he was the honorary dermatologist to the Governor of Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Uttarakhand. He was a recipient of the Common Wealth Fellowship in the UK. He was also the first from Gujarat to receive the B C Roy National Award. He was appointed as a WHO consultant and traveled extensively around the world.

Dr. Verma is remembered by the innumerable dermatologists whom he trained as a beloved teacher. He was described by all as a "thorough gentleman" with a humble demeanor and gentle disposition. He was a man with a great will power, highly motivated to scale greater heights, learn constantly, and was an avid reader of spiritual, philosophical literature. His multifaceted interests not only included dermatology but also singing, swimming, and learning to fly aircraft at a fairly advanced age. He is survived by his wife and three sons. His eldest son Dr. Shyam



Verma is a practicing dermatologist and is actively involved in academic activities.

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