

Dr. Pravin B. Haribhakti, Ahmedabad, Gujarat



It was with profound grief that I came to know about the sudden death of Dr. Pravin B. Haribhakti, a veteran dermatologist, who died on 16 November 2021 at the age of 86 years at his residence.

Dr. Haribhakti completed his education in dermatology from B. J. Medical College, Ahmedabad, and was awarded M.R.C.P. in Dermatology (Edinburgh) in 1996. He shaped the careers of many dermatologists as an Honorary Professor at Sheth V.S. Hospital and Smt. N.H.L. Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad, for 22 years. A popular dermatologist and accomplished clinician, he had been in private practice until three months before he passed away.

A true leader, he always appreciated the good work done by those who worked with him. He endeared himself to one and all by his disarming smile, pleasing demeanour and subtle sense of humour. While he kept himself updated with the subject at hand during academic deliberations, as an inveterate and voracious reader, his interests went beyond dermatology. He was fond of reading fiction, books on genetics and evolution, playing brain games, partaking in physical activities, attending the laughter club and watching movies. He had a huge social

circle of like-minded people. Despite his busy practice, he spared his valuable time as a trustee of some educational, medical and social organisations.

Dr. Haribhakti was the IADVL Vice President in 1984 and the President, IADVL (Gujarat State Branch) in 1982. He was the Organising Chairperson of the IADVL National Conference held at Ahmedabad in 1996. He was a recipient of the Dr. J.C. Shroff Memorial Award at the IADVL National Conference in 2007. He was a member of the Editorial Board of the second edition of the IADVL Textbook of Dermatology and the Chief Editor of *Quarterderm*, a scientific journal of the IADVL (Gujarat State Branch). His generous donation led to the establishment of the Dr. P. B. Haribhakti Travelling Fellowship in 2008 and the Dr. P. B. Haribhakti Oration, awarded annually at the annual conference of the IADVL (Gujarat State Branch), in 2007.

Dr. Haribhakti belonged to a family of leading professionals. The family has a colony named after them: the Haribhakti Colony in Vadodara. He is survived by his loving and caring wife Mrs. Purnimabahen and three sons and their families.

He will be fondly remembered by the many patients and people whose lives he touched.

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