

## Hugo P. Baglivo, M.D. (1937-2011)

The death of Dr. Hugo P. Baglivo has left a huge void in his family, friends, and peers, which will be very difficult to overcome. His main legacy for all those who accompanied him all of these years has been his quality as a man of integrity and his balanced judgement on key decisions.

Dr. Hugo P. Baglivo was born in Buenos Aires, on January 1, 1937. He succeeded in achieving all his goals without giving up anything. He built a great family together with his wife, Josefina, and his children, María Victoria, María José and Fabricio. He graduated from the University of Buenos Aires in 1962. He got his degree of cardiologist in 1974, and his degree of Latin American Specialist in Hypertension from the Latin American Society of Hypertension and the University of Guadalajara in Mexico in 2003. He achieved the highest professional and academic awards, such as being President of the Argentine Society of Cardiology (1990-1991), Director of the Argentine Council of Hypertension, Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Inter-American Society of Hypertension, and Founding Member of the Argentine Society of Hypertension. As a cardiologist, he developed an outstanding professional activity in the institutions in which he participated: the Ramos Mejía, Durand, and Italiano Hospitals, the *Policlínico Bancario*, and the Favaloro Foundation. He won several awards for his scientific works: Rafael

E. Bullrich, Rosalía Garfunkel from the National Academy of Medicine, Eduardo Braun Menéndez and Luis Moledo from the Argentine Society of Cardiology. He was Director of the Specialist and Master in Hypertension Program, and Professor of Internal Medicine at Favaloro University. His scientific work was based on his deep knowledge of hemodynamics and atrial function in hypertension, which enabled him to publish articles in the prestigious *Journal Hypertension*, among others, and to be an author in 13 treatises on Internal Medicine and Cardiology. His works began with the tune-up of the radiocardiography method, together with his great friend, Dr. Miguel del Río, at the *Hospital Italiano*. He was respected and recognized by his peers in Latin America and the United States.

He actively participated in the most important consensuses on hypertension: the two Latin American consensuses in 2001 and 2009, and the one on diabetes and hypertension in 2004, all of them published in the *Journal of Hypertension*, the official organ of the International Society of Hypertension.

All in all, his daily activity at the patient's bedside, his understanding of the pain, his constant advice and guidance to his younger peers, his generosity to the needy, and his dedication to work were the outstanding features in his life.

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