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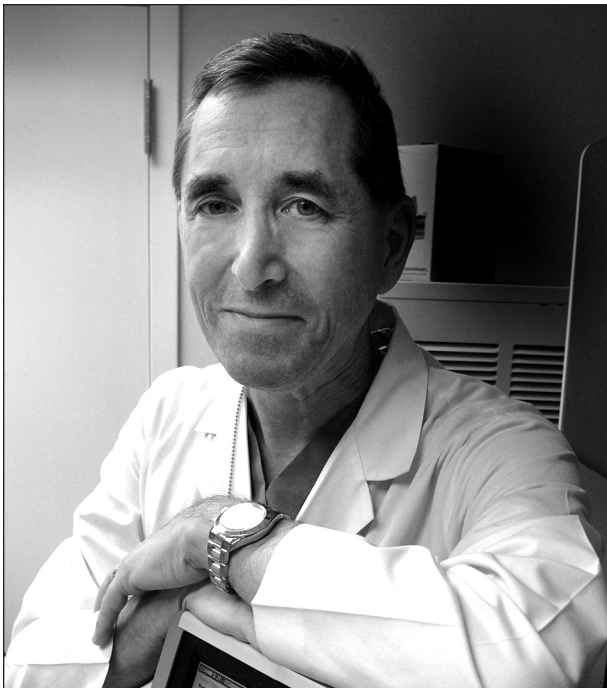
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A Note from the Editor-in-Chief

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The May-June 2021 Editor-in-Chief's page departs from our usual format as I would like to use this opportunity to recognize Dr. Paul G. McDonough, a true giant in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who recently passed away. I recruited one of



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his former fellows and current faculty member at our institution, the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, to help co-author this piece. It has been a while since *The Journal of Reproductive Medicine* has used this page for this purpose, but I believe the following In Memoriam will be appreciated by the many practitioners and research scientists who either knew Dr. McDonough personally or were significantly impacted by his contributions to our field.

***In Memoriam: Paul G. McDonough, M.D.
(May 1, 1930–May 8, 2021)***

Dr. Paul G. McDonough was a towering figure in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a trailblazing pioneer in the fields of Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility, and Clinical Genetics. After completing his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Philadelphia Hospital, he moved to Augusta, Georgia, in 1964. At the Medical College of Georgia, Dr. McDonough began a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Genetics in the Department of Endocrinology. After completing this fellowship, Dr. McDonough became Director of the Section of Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility, and Genetics, a post that he held until his retirement as a full-time faculty member in 1996. He held joint appointments in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Endocrinology.

Dr. McDonough was responsible for a number of firsts during his tenure at Medical College of Georgia, including establishing the first Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility, and Genetics (REIG) Section, the first successful genetic amniocentesis in the Southeast, the initiation of the in vitro fertilization program, and the introduction of operative laparoscopy into the surgical armamentarium. His broad clinical interests encompassed the areas of gonadal dysgenesis, delayed puberty, disorders of sexual differentiation, prenatal genetic diagnosis, recurrent pregnancy loss, and the use of molecular genetic studies to clarify numerous reproductive system aberrations.

Dr. McDonough was a prolific writer of scientific articles and applied his critical skills to serving on several editorial boards in his subspecialty disciplines. His research interests led to National Institutes of Health (NIH)-supported studies and to his serving as the Chairperson for the NIH Reproductive Network and as Chairman of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Genetics Committee. He was a member of all the major subspecialty organizations in his chosen discipline and served as President of four of them. His significant scientific and clinical accomplishments were recognized by more than one dozen major career awards that he received.

Even more enduring than his outstanding individual accomplishments were the roles that Dr. McDonough played as an educator and mentor to the next generation of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility practitioners and clinical and

basic science investigators. His 34 REIG fellows have gone on to successful careers, and several of them have become Section Directors and/or OBGYN Department Chairs. Throughout his entire career, Dr. McDonough stimulated those with whom he had contact to pursue excellence in their professional and personal lives.

As one of the most important and influential persons in OBGYN over the last half of the 20th century, Dr. McDonough has left an enduring mark in his chosen fields of endeavor that has changed much of the way current Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility, and the related field of Clinical Genetics are currently practiced. He will certainly be missed by his loving family and by the rest of us who were fortunate enough to get to know him and to have our lives changed for the better by the imparting of his astonishing wisdom and caring.

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