

PROFILE

Dr Michael R Davey



As far as I am aware there is no other Practising Gynaecologist who has managed to successfully practice Menopausal Medicine only as a “discipline” in South Africa. This speaks of the man’s character of dedication and feel for the menopausal patient and this rewarding discipline. I recall him saying when he decided to go this route that the generalist has no time and the will to dedicate themselves to this under serviced and poorly remunerated section of gynaecology.

Those of us involved in menopausal medicine are hugely indebted to Michael for he spent most of his career in developing this discipline as a subspecialty in this country.

He completed his undergraduate training at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1974 and completed his FCOG (SA) in 1986. His main interest has always been on the endocrinology aspect of our specialty and made his final commitment to menopausal medicine in 2003 by starting a menopausal practice in Westville Hospital in KwaZulu Natal.

Michael is one of the founder members of SAMS and is the immediate Past President of our society. During his tenure, he launched a most successful nationwide CME

programme for both specialists and general practitioners. He has been responsible for a public awareness programme with the late Monica Farrel, as well as the *Menopause Matters* with Professor Athol Kent, which is available on our website on a monthly basis.

Furthermore, he is the managing partner of the Westville Bone Densitometry Centre and Osteoporosis has become one of his main interests and hobbies, this leading to his involvement in drug trials and serving on the NOF council for 4 years.

Apart from being a wonderful and genuine friend and a colleague of highest integrity to many of us, he is a role model as a husband to Paula and father to his children.

We hope to have Michael’s expertise and knowledge around for many more years for it his energy and enthusiasm that has made SAMS the success it has become.

Paul Dalmeyer

Photographic Corner

We all have our favourite cities and I have no hesitation in stating that Venice is mine. There are wonderful and varied photographic opportunities at every turn. These include ancient buildings with beautiful water canals traversing. Gondoliers sing opera while paddling their exquisite gondolas in the most romantic atmosphere imaginable. Reflections shimmer and colors reminiscent of an artist’s



palette, transform muddy water into artistic scenes. The main art gallery has a large area with my favourite landscape artist Canelleto’s paintings. I could not tear myself away. Food is expensive for visitors from the RSA and the multitude of tourists everywhere is a negative feature, but ignoring these, a holiday in this city is a time you will never forget.

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