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Obituaries

Cyril Harold Wolpe (1925 - 26 July 2011)

Cyril Harold Wolpe was born in 1925 in Humansdorp in the Eastern Cape, and matriculated there in 1943. He entered the medical faculty at the University of Cape Town the following year and graduated M.B. Ch.B. in 1949. Thereafter he first worked as a relieving medical officer at Grootte Schuur Hospital and then proceeded to the UK. He obtained a surgical fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) and also worked as a surgical medical officer in Stoke-On-Trent. Cyril returned to South Africa in 1959 to complete his surgical training under Professor J. H. Louw. On completion, he commenced a solo practice in Cape Town as a general surgeon.

Cyril's dictum for success was the three 'A's: ability, affability and availability. In addition to running a busy private practice he held a part-time consultant appointment at Grootte Schuur and New Somerset hospitals. During the last two years of his life he was in and out of hospital on numerous occasions, and was always a model of an uncomplaining patient. He died peacefully on 26 July 2011, and is survived by his wife, three daughters and a sister.

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