

Bernard (Bokkie) Rabinowitz

Bokkie Rabinowitz was a Wits graduate in December 1955. He joined the Department of Surgery in 1966 as the head of one of the five surgical units at Bara and gave over 30 years of service.

Bokkie was not only a gifted surgeon with an interest in trauma and the surgical conditions of the African continent, but also a popular teacher of both under- and postgraduate students. He resigned from his clinical and teaching duties in 1996 to become Superintendent of the then Baragwanath Hospital complex. After his retirement, Bokkie continued to teach GEMP 3 and 4 students in Ward 394 of Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital.

Bokkie died suddenly on 8 July 2012, and will be very much missed by his colleagues. He is survived by his wife Ruth and three children.

