
EDITORIAL

In Memoriam: Dr. Martin I. Resnick

Urology lost a great leader, a colleague, and a friend. Dr. Marty Resnick, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University, Editor of the Journal of Urology, and a Past-President of the American Urological Association (AUA) lost his courageous fight against cancer and passed away on June 24, 2007.

There are many who worked with him closer, and knew him better than I, but as Editor-in-Chief of the CJU, I wish to take this opportunity to remember Dr. Resnick as I knew him--a senior colleague, a mentor, and a warm human being. He excelled in every challenge he took upon himself, as a great physician, surgeon and urologist, a teacher and mentor to many. As a dedicated researcher, he had important accomplishments in the fields of urolithiasis, ultrasonography, and prostate cancer. He was a superb administrator, one who made major contributions to every organization that he belonged to, every committee that he chaired – and there were so many... As President of the AUA he brought integrity, dignity, and innovation to the office and the organization. As Editor of the Journal of Urology, he worked tirelessly to improve the Journal and to raise it to the highest level of excellence.

But first and foremost, I remember Marty's warm, compassionate character. I once saw him moderate a podium session where a young resident was about to give his first national presentation, a nervous wreck, unsure of how he was to get through it. Marty calmed him down, inspired him to confidence, and at the end of the presentation, congratulated him. That young resident never forgot his kind and concerned demeanor, I know, because that resident was I. A few years later as a fellow at the National Cancer Institute, I met Marty at a Consensus Conference for nephrolithiasis, and he remembered the occasion, the topic of the presentation, and how nervous I had been. We were able to laugh about it.

Our paths crossed many times in the future, and at each and every time I remember the warm smile, the genuinely sincere greetings, and the pleasure he derived from meeting with colleagues and friends. He gave wonderful talks on a great variety of important topics at the AUA, at section meetings, and as a visiting professor. A few months before he fell ill, he was the guest speaker and judge at the Upstate New York Annual Residents' Day Competition. He inspired the residents to aim high in academic endeavors, in clinical work and research. I am so happy that they had a chance to meet him and remember Dr. Resnick at his best!

Marty Resnick was a giant of our profession and he leaves huge shoes to fill. He will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to his family.

Marty, may you rest in peace.

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