

IN MEMORY

How difficult a task may be when you have to write the life achievements of someone so close to you both as a friend and associate and with whom you have remained that close for more than 60 years.

Dr. Ahmed Sayeed was admitted as a medical student in Dow Medical College in 1955. From the first day in Dow Medical College, we were partners in the Anatomy Department, for the study of human anatomy in the Dissection Hall. He was the first student of our class to leave Karachi for postgraduate education in the UK in 1961. After several junior appointments as House Officer in General Medicine, he decided to complete postgraduate education in Pathology and passed the postgraduate qualification as member of Royal College of Pathologists, ultimately he was awarded fellowship (FCPS) from the Royal College of Pathologists. He worked as a consultant pathologist in Sheffield, UK. He migrated to USA in 1977 and completed the postgraduate assignments in USA and passed the Board certification examination of American College of Pathology and practiced as staff pathologist in West Virginia and decided to move to Texas where he worked as consultant pathologist in various hospitals in Houston. His last place of practice was in Angleton, Houston (USA). Besides his routine work as Staff Pathologist, he held the

chief of staff position in Angleton Hospital for a considerable time. Besides working in healthcare, he had great interest in developing his original language i.e. Urdu in the literary circles of Houston and in developing the local participation in Urdu poetry. He was very keen to develop medical care facilities in Pakistan and with that in mind, SIUT North America was established with some doctors who were the classmates of Dr. Adib Rizvi which is an organization now that procures donations from the general public to support SIUT Karachi and also serves as a charitable organization for other healthcare facilities in USA.

Personally, being so close to Dr. Sayeed I can only emphasize how concerned he was in solving and trying to help the general community members particularly those from various parts of Pakistan and now settled in USA.

We will miss him forever for the great contribution he made for helping the people of Pakistan to develop healthcare facilities, and surely deserves to be appreciated by all his friends and those who were in contact with him every day at work.

We all pray for his soul to rest in the best place in Heaven.

Ali Jumshyd
(Dow Class of 1960)
Houston USA



Dr Rajalingam Sinniah

DSC, PhD, MD, MBBCh, BAO, BA, MA,
FRCPI, FRCPA, FRCPath, FAMS

Dr Raja Sinniah is one of a breed of pathologists, broadly trained in laboratory and clinical medicine, and diagnostic anatomic pathology, with expertise in renal pathology.

Dr. Sinniah graduated from Trinity College, University of Dublin. He obtained the MBBCh, BAO, and the MRCP (Internal Medicine);

In the 1960s-70s, he went to The Royal Victoria Hospital, Institute of Pathology and obtained his PhD, MD and MRCPath (London); and was the first pathologist in Singapore/Malaysia to be inducted into The Royal College of Pathologists (London) by examination.

As liver disease and liver cancer were major problems in Southeast Asia, he chose this field for this MD and PhD research programmes and published 15 papers in liver diseases. In 1972 he joined the Institute of Pathology, National University of Singapore as Head of Pathology, Clinical Medicine, and the Director of Medical Services to develop the renal pathology. He also guided 7 doctors and 6 scientists in their research programmes; and 8 were awarded PhD and 5 the MSc; of which 5 PhDs and 3 MScs were in renal diseases.

He was invited to join WHO team of

pathologists and nephrologists from 14 countries to define, describe and classify all known renal diseases. He served as Secretary and later Chairman of WHO Committees. He was the Founder President of the Singapore Society of Pathology in 1976.

Dr Sinniah has published over 130 medical scientific papers and contributed to over 20 books. In 2001 he was awarded the Doctor of Science (DSc) by Queens University of Belfast, UK, mainly for his work in Renal Pathology. He has received many honours for his renal work, and he has assisted in the establishment of renal pathology services in several countries including Malaysia, Korea, The Philippines, Indonesia and Pakistan.

Doctor Sinniah has had a long and fruitful medical academic relationship with SIUT and other Institutes and colleges in Pakistan. He guided Late Dr. Jawed Kazi of SIUT to obtain his PhD. He believes SIUT will develop to be one of the great medical centres in the subcontinent, and serve as an example to poor nations on how to deliver compassionate medical care of the highest standards.

Dr Sinniah is currently Consultant Pathologist at PathWest Laboratory Medicine, The Fiona Stanley Hospital and The Royal Perth Hospital, and Clinical Professor in The School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Western Australia.



Dr Ahmed Sayeed

MEMORIAL LECTURE

“The pivotal role of tissue pathology in the diagnosis and management of renal diseases and transplantation”

by **Dr. Rajalingam Sinniah**

Clinical Professor
Anatomical Pathology, Fiona Stanley Hospital
& University of Western Australia.

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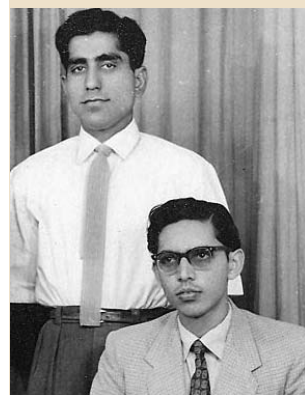
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Remembering Sayeed

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It is with great sadness that I write these lines about the loss of my very dear and close friend Sayeed who to the rest of the world was known as Dr Ahmed Sayeed.

I first met Sayeed at Dow Medical College through common friends where we both were students. Our friendship nurtured and gained solid footings when we went to England for our post graduate trainings, while we struggling to study and carry out our jobs to gain financial stability. A highly energetic and focused man, Sayeed obtained fellowships both from the US and England and established his name as a renowned pathologist in the world of Histopathology. At several stages in his career, Sayeed wanted to return home but things never worked out. Looking back this was a blessing in disguise for him as staying in the US he was able to serve at top ranking medical institutions and achieve distinction in his profession. A man of few words, Sayeed was a very soft spoken, kind and generous person with doors of his abode always open for everyone who needed help.



At Fundraising by SIUT North America, Houston

Besides these remarkable professional and human qualities, his penchant for Urdu literature showed his taste for finer things in life. His love for poetry and music often proved instrumental in holding literary sittings, mushairas and musical evenings at his home in Houston. Sayeed was lucky to have a wife like Fatima and daughter Amina, who besides being successful professionals as a general practitioner and a gynecologist in their respective fields, also joined hands with him in his professional and nonprofessional endeavors.

SIUT will for ever remain indebted to Sayeed for establishing the SIUT North America Inc. some 15 years back when he motivated the community in the best possible manner to support SIUT activities. SIUT will always be thankful to Sayeed and his family for their untiring efforts to promote SIUT activities in North America.

Sayeed, the founder Co-President of SIUT North America and also a member of SIUT Trust till his death worked tirelessly to support SIUT activities entirely on a voluntary basis and did not receive any kind of remuneration or benefits. He organized several donation campaigns throughout US to collect funds from Pakistani expatriates and citizens. Since its establishment SIUT North America has



donated equipment and medicines to SIUT worth more than US \$ 5.4 millions.

SIUT North America in collaboration with APPNA Ohio and Medwish International also helps to ship containers of medical equipment and supplies to SIUT. These two organizations collect unused excess hospital supplies e.g. disposables, consumables, equipment and, furniture worth hundreds of thousands of US dollars with SIUT North America bearing all shipment expenses.

I hope that my dear friend rests in peace knowing that what he did for his SIUT will always be remembered with gratitude. He will be remembered not only by

me but by all those who have benefited and will continue to benefit from SIUT North America's support, an endeavor of selfless support and generosity initiated so successfully by Sayeed.

It is comforting to know that although your loved ones may leave this world but stay forever in our hearts. My friend Ahmed Sayeed falls in the same category.

Adib Rizvi