



Eduardo Kreutzer, M.D.

A hero of pediatric cardiology, Dr. Eduardo A. Kreutzer, passed away on March 8, 2017, at the age of 78. He performed an immense task following the steps of his father, Rodolfo O. Kreutzer, Latin pioneer of pediatric cardiology. Since he became a doctor, he showed outstanding commitment to the specialization, dedicating his afternoons to residents from Dr. Carlos Gianantonio's school at Hospital de Niños. He later organized the cardiology residency in Hospital Pedro de Elizalde, becoming Chief in 1974. In the same year he also conceived and directed the Course for pediatric cardiologists that included exams and final university certification at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) to which he then added a 2-year mandatory residency, thus achieving the recognition of the specialty.

He studied deeply and enriched with diagnostic sagacity all the fields, such as Phonocardiography, Pathology, Collagen diseases, with his articles on rheumatic fever, Hemodynamics, with relevant contributions about flow management and ventricular function in several heart diseases, Echocardiography, Electrocardiography in the first year of life, Pulmonary perfusion, Postoperative cardiovascular follow-up, etc. He published a hundred and twenty five national and international articles on these topics, together with various books: *Cardiopatías en la infancia* (Heart Diseases in Childhood) (El Ateneo, 1970), *Qué hacer en pediatría* (What To Do in Pediatrics) (Ergón, 1977), *Radiología Cardiovascular en Pediatría* (Cardiovascular Radiology in Pediatrics)

(Panamericana, 1982), *Cardiología infantil* (Pediatric Cardiology) (Ergón, 1984), and *Cardiología y cirugía cardiovascular infantil* (Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery) (Ed. Doyma, 1993). He was recognized as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Persons" in 1972, and in 1999, he was named "Doctor of the Year" by the Government of the City of Buenos Aires.

As member of the Academic Board of UBA for six years, he developed a remarkable activity for which he deserved the qualification of "brilliant mind and born educator" by Professor Luis Ferreira.

Dr. Kreutzer also received awards from several associations, and was president of congresses and medical societies. His 125 publications, 5 books, and 11 chapters in national and international books highlight how Eduardo Kreutzer participated in all the areas of his great passion: pediatric cardiology. His hospital activity both in Hospital de Niños and Hospital Elizalde –and, for a period, in both at the same time– left an indelible, unforgettable mark.

It is significant that for almost 25 years, he would arrive at Casa Cuna at 4.30 every morning, and would open the garage door to see his young patients by himself. It was much appreciated by their families, who did not lose their working day.

In summary, the death of Dr. Eduardo Kreutzer has been a great loss for pediatric cardiology, but his legacy continues through his group of disciples.

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