

OBITUARY

DAVID RICHARD HILL GENERAL SURGEON 1945-2025

We are saddened by the passing of David following a short illness recently. After completing his medical degree in Adelaide, followed by surgical training in the United Kingdom and Sydney, he returned to South Australia to complete his final year at Flinders Medical Centre prior to commencing work there as a General Surgeon in the early 1980s. His consultant career spanned 35 years, during which he was an integral part of the Colorectal Unit at FMC and the General Surgical Unit at the affiliated Repatriation General Hospital. David was very passionate about cricket and football, but his overwhelming devotion and commitment were to two things; his family and his work. He worked 7 day weeks and displayed enormous dedication to the public healthcare system, where he was devoted to teaching, and training of medical students and surgical registrars, and to his patients. He could be found in the hospital day and night engaged in conversation with patients, trainees, colleagues, and medical students. He was adored by his patients, no doubt due to his always giving them the extra time to engage them in conversation, putting them at ease and answering their questions, and finding more about them and establishing a rapport. He was committed to the training of surgeons, and to this day nearly every Colorectal surgeon at FMC was trained by David at some point in their careers, as well as many of the general surgeons. He continued to teach for many years after his retirement from clinical work, with ongoing participation in tutorials and examinations. He is survived by his wife Margaret and children Suzanne and Peter. He will be missed by us all.