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“Professionalism: Active Teaching or Passive Absorption?”
presented by
David John Wilkinson, MBBS, FRCA, Hon FCARCSI

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Lecture | 6:30 am | 214 Light Hall
Emeritus Consultant Anaesthetist David John Wilkinson, MBBS, FRCA, Hon FCARCSI, is a fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the Royal Society of Medicine, and the American Academy of Anesthesiologists. His main clinical interests include day stay surgery, major gynaecological cancer surgery, orthopaedic surgery, and urological surgery. The majority of the numerous chapters, papers, and presentations he has authored throughout his medical career focus on day stay surgery and the history of anesthesia.

Dr. Wilkinson received his MBBS in 1972 and became a Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons of England, in 1976. He trained as a Senior House Officer, Anaesthesia, at Whipps Cross Hospital (London) in 1973 and remained on staff there until 1976, when he became Registrar, and later Senior Registrar, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London. After spending a year in Perth, Western Australia, serving as Senior Registrar first in Princess Margaret Hospital and later in Royal Perth Hospital, he settled in London, where he worked until 2008 as a Consultant Anaesthetist at the Boyle Department of Anaesthesia, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Hackney Hospital, and Homerton Hospital. Dr. Wilkinson also served as an examiner for the Royal College of Anaesthetists for 12 years.

With a keen interest in the history of medicine, Dr. Wilkinson was curator (1982-95) of the Charles King Collection of Historical Anaesthetic Apparatus, Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI), the honorary archivist for AAGBI from 1994-2001, and an AAGBI council member from 1992-2005, serving as secretary, treasurer, and vice president during that time. He was president of the British Anaesthesia and Recovery Nurses Association from 1997-2000. Since 1994, he has been a faculty member of History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London. From 2006-08, he served as president of the History of Anaesthesia Society. He also has the distinct honor of having been named Wood Library Museum Laureate in the History of Anaesthesia (2008-2012).

Internationally Wilkinson was secretary (1998-2002) and then president (2002-2004) of the Confederation of European National Societies of Anaesthesiologists (CENSA), which merged with the European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA) and the European Academy to become the new ESA. He currently serves as World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) President and has been actively involved with the WFSA since the mid-1990s.