

## Appreciation

### C S Ratnatunga LMS (Cey) FRCP (Edin)

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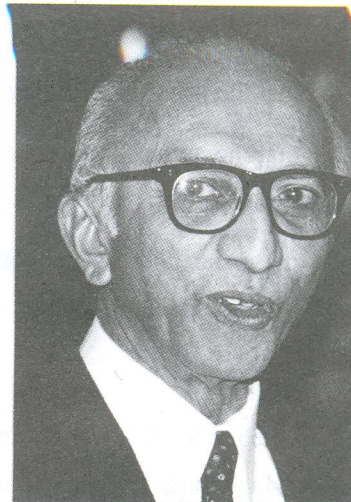
Dr C S Ratnatunga is remembered with respect by those who worked with him in the field of venereology in Sri Lanka and in the United Kingdom.

He was consultant physician at the Central Venereal Diseases Clinic, Colombo, when we were students. He was an excellent teacher and clinician. His gentlemanly qualities impressed us all. He was in charge of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in venereology during this period.

Dr Ratnatunga worked for the Sri Lankan government health service for 26 years, out of which 20 years were in venereology. From 1951 to 1954 he obtained specialist training in venereal diseases in the UK. He acted as the Superintendent of the Anti-Venereal Diseases Campaign on many occasions.

He left for the UK in 1967. Within one year he was appointed Consultant Venereologist and Physician-in-Charge, Department of Venereology, Royal Free Hospital, London, and the Prince of Wales Hospital, London. From 1970 till his retirement in 1982 he was in charge of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in venereology at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine.

He was also a council member of the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases, London.



He published mainly in the *British Journal of Venereal Diseases*, on subjects ranging from the history of venereal diseases in Sri Lanka, treatment of venereal diseases, gonococcal pharyngitis, gonococcal complement fixation test, Reiter's disease, aseptic meningitis and herpes simplex proctitis.

He helped several Sri Lankans like me to find work in venereology in the UK. I enjoyed working as his clinical assistant at the Prince of Wales Hospital, London, in 1978.

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