

BIOGRAPHY

Gabor Racz, MD

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Gabor B. Racz, M.D. was born in Hungary and completed M.B. and Ch.B. degrees from the University of Liverpool Medical School in Liverpool, England. He served as house surgeon and physician at the Royal Southern Hospital in Liverpool before coming to America in 1963 for an anesthesiology residency at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, New York.

Dr. Racz filled numerous assignments, such as respiratory consultant in the neurosurgical head injury unit and Associate Professor at SUNY, until 1977 when he moved to Lubbock, Texas to become the first Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the new Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He held that position until March 1, 1999 when, as Director of Pain Services, he focused full attention to treatment of patients, expanding the operations of pain services, and the future development of an international pain institute in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1996 Dr. Racz was honored by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center when he was awarded the first Grover Murray Professorship recognizing his distinguished achievements in the institution as well as internationally. In December 1998, University Medical Center named Dr. Racz recipient of a \$1 million endowed chair in recognition of his “greatness in patient care, teaching and research” at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and University Medical Center.

Under his direction the International Pain Institute at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has grown to international prominence, attracting patients and visiting physicians from around the world. His innovative work with nerve stimulators, spinal cord stimulators, radiofrequency thermocoagulation and a wide range of other pain management procedures brings many patients referred to his care from doctors throughout the world.

He is a regular faculty member with education groups such as Dannemiller Educational Memorial Foundation, Pain Net, Inc., and American Society of Pain Physicians. He is a charter member of World Institute of Pain and National Pain Foundation. He is currently treasurer of WIP, president-elect, and registrar of the WIP Interventional Examination. In May 2005 he will begin a three-year term as President of World Institute of Pain, which will include his presiding over the 4th WIP World Congress in September 2007 in Budapest, Hungary.

Dr. Racz holds the certificate of Diplomat with the American College of Pain Management as well as the American Board of Anesthesiology certification in Pain Management and the WIP Fellow in Interventional Pain Practice certification. He is an advocate for high standards of certification and training among pain physicians and works toward the advancement of those goals. He has earned numerous awards and honors and is listed in all editions (1992-2005) of *The Best Doctors in America*. Within the next year his vision of education, clinical practice and research will be further fulfilled when the new International Pain Institute of Pain building will break ground on the campus of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Racz has published numerous book chapters and journal articles describing his techniques in spinal cord and peripheral nerve stimulation, neurolysis and radiofrequency thermocoagulation and other procedures used in management of pain.