

BIOGRAPHY

DR. PAUL STEINBOK



Dr. Paul Steinbok was born in Barbados and attended Harrison College. After winning a UWI and Barbados Scholarship, he started his medical training at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica in 1965. In 1967 he accepted a one year scholarship from the Overseas Development Ministry to do an honours degree in Physiology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K. He returned to Jamaica to complete medical school in 1971, and then did an internship in Toronto and a residency in Neurosurgery in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Steinbok became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada in Neurosurgery in 1977. Thereafter he was awarded a Medical Research Council of Canada research fellowship to the University of North Carolina and Duke University in North Carolina for studies in brain tumors. He returned to Vancouver, and has been practicing as a neurosurgeon in Vancouver since March 1979. In 1981, Dr. Steinbok was certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery and is a Diplomat of the American Board of Neurological Surgery. Since 1985, he has limited his practice to pediatric neurosurgery, and in 1996 he was certified by the American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery.

Medical Director of the Neurosciences program at BC Children's Hospital, he was Head of the Division of Neurosurgery and Chairman of the Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship program at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver from July 1984 until December 2013. He has over 200 publications in peer reviewed journals and chapters in textbooks, is on the editorial board of *Child's Nervous System* and is on the review panel for many scientific journals.

He has received a number of awards for his research. Most recently, in 2012, he received the annual UBC Dept. of Surgery Richard J. Finley Senior Investigator Award in recognition of his research activities.

Dr Steinbok has been President of the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN). He has been on the executive of the Section of Pediatric Neurosurgery of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgery and the American Society for Pediatric Neurosurgeons. He has been invited nationally and internationally as a visiting professor and as a guest lecturer.

He has organized many international courses about pediatric neurosurgery in Argentina, Singapore, India, Morocco, Colombia, Costa Rica and China and continues to participate regularly as a faculty member in educational courses run by the European Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery and the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery. He has also provided professional assistance in neurosurgery at hospitals in the Caribbean including Barbados.

Dr. Steinbok is a Professor at the University of British Columbia, in the Department of Surgery and has received a number of awards for teaching excellence. Most recently, in 2013, he was recognized for his teaching by the Department of Surgery at UBC with the A.D. Forward Postgraduate Faculty Teaching Award – presented annually in recognition of outstanding teaching acclaimed by surgical residents.

Born in St. Lawrence area, Dr Steinbok grew up in Palm Beach Gap (now Asta Hotel). His parents, who emigrated from Poland and met in Trinidad, married in Barbados in 1947 and settled there, where his father eventually owned a garment factory - Eileen Shirt Factory. He has six siblings, three brothers and a sister who reside in Barbados and a sister who lives in Victoria, Canada.

Married for 40 years Dr Steinbok has a son and daughter and three grandchildren between the ages of six and four. He enjoys gardening, and photography; and lives by the tenets: *“Do your best at anything you decide to do. Be honest. Respect others”*.