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It is with great sadness, we realized that one of the great mentors in the world of nephrology had passed away. Dr Robert Schrier, professor of medicine, was formerly chairman of the department of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine for 26 years, and head of the division of renal diseases and hypertension for 20 years. In 1989 he was elected a member of the institute of medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr Schrier was a master of the American College of Physicians and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. He was the author of more than 800 scientific papers and the editor of *"Diseases of the Kidney and Urinary Tract"*, *"Renal and Electrolyte Disorders"*, *"Manual of Nephrology"* and *"Essential Atlas of Nephrology and Hypertension"*. Dr Schrier's research centers on the pathogenesis of acute renal failure, genetic renal disorders, hypertension, mechanisms of renal cell injury, diabetic nephropathy, and renal and hormonal control of body fluid volume in cirrhosis, cardiac failure, nephrotic syndrome, and pregnancy. He has advanced a unifying hypothesis of sodium and water regulation in health and disease, stimulating worldwide interest in the biomedical science community. Dr Schrier's research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health for the past 35 years. He was the only person ever to have been the president of the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology, and the National Kidney Foundation. He also served as president of the Association of American Physicians and was elected as a member of the National Academy of Medicine. In addition to these remarkable achievements, he concomitantly

directed a very active research program with continuous multi-grant NIH funding for over 40 years, reflected in more than 1000 publications. His three volume textbook, *"Diseases of the Kidney and Urinary Tract"*, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> edition, has been a premier textbook of Nephrology throughout the world. Dr. Schrier's most enduring legacy may be in the more than 100 Fellows he mentored, who now occupy leadership positions and care for patients with kidney disease throughout the United States and in every continent. Robert William Schrier was founding editor-in-chief of the magazine *Nature Clinical Practice Nephrology*. At DePauw University he was three times all conference in both basketball and baseball. His four-year 20 points/game conference average in basketball stood for 30 years and still stands at DePauw. Schrier was elected to the DePauw University Athletic Hall of Fame (1986) and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004. He has also published a non-medical book: *"Life's Lessons Learned: My Memoir"*. In this book he wrote: *"In life, one has to learn to multitask and I learned that in spades at DePauw"*.

Dr. Schrier was an inspiring teacher, a giant, mentor and friend. He died at his home in Potomac, Maryland on January 23, 2021 surrounded by his wife Barbara, all of his children and many of his grandchildren. He clearly leaves a void and he will be deeply mourned by all those whose lives and careers he has touched.

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