Professor Stuart Murray

Stuart Murray qualified MBChB from University of Glasgow in 1967. After working in Cardiology at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary and as a GP in the Vale of Leven, he returned to Glasgow University in 1975 as a Research Fellow. He became a Senior Lecturer in the Dept of General Practice in 1977 and Professor in 1992. From 1982 he developed an interest in postgraduate education and was appointed Regional Adviser in 1985 and Director of Postgraduate Medical Education in 1996.

Qualifications - MBChB 1967, D. Obst. RCOG 1969, MRCP(UK) 1971, MRCGP 1975, Ph.D.1977, FRCP(G)1981, FRCGP 1981, FRCP(E) 1993, MD 1995.

Professionally, Stuart was concerned and motivated by the need to set high standards and deliver excellence. His overriding aim was to raise standards of patient care through education and training. This vision was delivered by example and development of an excellent team who subscribed to this philosophy. The GP section in the West Scotland Deanery has an exceptionally good academic output particularly in settings standards, assessment, quality and scholarship. The output has influenced the discipline locally, nationally and internationally.

Research has underpinned the above philosophy and Stuart had 128 publications with 66 as first author. 59 of the publications have appeared in 4 journals - Lancet, BMJ, BJGP and Medical Education. This led to international links with North America, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and the Middle East.

He was an RCGP examiner from 1979 to 1990 and delivered the RCGP Pickles Lecture in Exeter in 1998.

He was a member of the Joint Committee for Postgraduate Training in General Practice (JCPTGP) from 1985 and lead visitor from 1988. JCPTGP accepted summative assessment developed in the West of Scotland as the exit assessment from GP training in 1996. He was instrumental in the transition from summative assessment to mandatory MRCGP exam.

As Emeritus Professor of General Practice at University of Glasgow, he had the honour of delivering the Faculty Fulton Lecture in October 2011 - Reflections on a Time of Change in General Practice Vocational Training and Continuing Education.

Stuart retired in 2011 and enjoyed a happy retirement in Milngavie until his death in May 2024.