Obituary

Professor RG Clark award

The Professor RG Clark award recognises the best poster abstract submitted to the BAPEN conference.

We are proud to recognise this donation and his contribution to the world of clinical nutrition with this award. Recipients should rightly feel proud for being recognised with this accolade.

Ron Clark was Professor of Surgery at Sheffield and was one of the real innovators of nutrition support in the surgical patient. Importantly, he was one of the early investigators who understood the importance of the metabolic response to surgical injury and recognised the need for multidisciplinary research in this area. It was Ron who saw the importance of clinicians collaborating with the scientists from the Nutrition Society and was instrumental in setting up the Clinical Nutrition and Metabolic group of the Nutrition Society; in many respects this group became the precursor of BAPEN. In addition, he was a founder member of the European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism, its first executive chairman and founder editor of its journal, Clinical Nutrition.

Those who remember him say that above all else Ron was a gentleman who inspired very many junior colleagues to undertake nutrition research. We hope that the Prof RG Clark award will inspire a new generation of researchers in clinical nutrition.

Recipient 2019

Endovascular interventions for the treatment of catheter-related venous thrombosis in patients on home parenteral nutrition
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