



Dr. James H.S. Simon (1934-2013)

Dr. Simon was born in 1934 in Boston. Between the ages of 14-18 he attended the Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, known for its excellence in education, and graduated from the Academy in 1953. Between the ages of 18-22 Dr. Simon attended Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he majored in biology. He spent the next 4 years at Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia obtaining his D.D.S degree. Following dental school, Dr. Simon spent 2 years at Boston University School of Medicine where he studied oral pathology and endodontics with Henry Goldman, Kurt Thoma and Herb Schilder and received his certificate in endodontics. For the next 3 years he was engaged in a private practice in Quincy, Massachusetts, where he limited his practice to endodontics. After 3 years of private practice, Dr. Simon joined the Veteran's Administration in White River, Vermont, treating endodontic cases and in addition serving as a research associate at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire.

In 1968 Dr. Simon joined the VA Medical Center in Long Beach, California, in order to start the first endodontic residency program there. For the next 32 years, Dr. Simon was the Director of the Endodontic Residency Program at the VA Long Beach where he mentored and trained more than 60 residents. This period of 32 years was the longest full-time teaching program under one director in the nation. During that period, Dr. Simon also held a part-time teaching position at USC School of Dentistry where he taught together with Al Frank, Dudley Glick, John Ingle and others. In 1974, he joined the faculty at Loma Linda School of Dentistry as part-time faculty. In July 2001, Dr. Simon was recruited to USC where he served as Professor of Clinical Dentistry and Director of the Advanced Endodontics program. During that time he mentored and trained more than 110 advanced endodontic students.

Dr. Simon was a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, President of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics, Director and President of the American Board of Endodontics, Fellow of the American College of Dentists and Fellow of the International College of Dentists. He was member of many prestigious dental organizations and held leadership positions in the American Association of Endodontists. Dr. Simon published extensively in the dental and endodontic literature and in 2005 he received the Louis I. Grossman Award by the American Association of Endodontists. This prestigious award is given to an author for cumulative publication of significant research studies that have made an extraordinary contribution to endodontics. Dr. Simon was an international authority in the field of endodontics and used to lecture extensively at universities and professional meetings in the United States and throughout the world.

Dr. James Simon passed away on February 3, 2013.