

**Surgeon Commodore Grant McMillan MD MSc FRCP FRCP(Glasg) FFOM
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Joined the Royal Navy as a student in 1967 having seen the opportunities to train in his chosen specialty of occupational medicine. Graduated from Glasgow in 1969. After house jobs and sea time, trained in London, HM Dockyards and the MOD/MRC Research Unit at Devonport, accrediting in the specialty in 1980. Research in asbestos-related diseases and the health of welders led him proceeding MD and being awarded MRCP(Glasg) without formal examination. Retired from the Royal Navy in 2004 but continues to see patients and contribute to medical education and research.

He had a very fulfilling career in the Royal Navy. Senior appointments included Professor of Occupational Medicine, Dean of Naval Medicine (overseeing education and training policy and provision across all healthcare professions), leading the operational support, research and training work of the Institute of Naval Medicine and, penultimately, Deputy Medical Director General. He was then appointed the Consultant in Occupational Medicine at the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine in Birmingham. Had the honour and pleasure of serving HM The Queen as an Honorary Physician for seven years. External appointments have included chairmanship of the SAC in Occupational Medicine, Member of the Board of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and Visiting Professor of Occupational Medicine at the University of Bradford. Since 2004 he has continued as an Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Birmingham and with an independent and largely medico-legal practice - which he has reduced over the last year.

His publications include online learning material for medical students and several influential original research and review papers on asbestos-related diseases, the overall health of welders, manganese and disorders of movement and mood, and, most recently, osteoarthritis in the knees of coal miners focussing on the many cases which appeared to justify the, since granted, status of the disorder being recognised as a Prescribed Disease in the UK. Over the years his work has been recognised by MOD Clinical Excellence Awards from their inception to his retirement, and national and international awards including the Gilbert Blane Medal and the Rene Barthe Prize.

Grant McMillan's "non-medical working time" in retirement is shared between his family and home, duties at the RSM and as a Magistrate on the South Hampshire Bench, where he sits in the Adult and Family Proceedings Courts, and the Research Committee of the Chartered Institution of Occupational Safety and Health determining the award and monitoring the use of substantial grants for programmes and individual projects. He is an Honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Barbers and enjoys being active within it.

He has been a member of the RSM for over twenty years and was President of the United Services Section 2007-09 during which time the Society's Council decided to mark the sacrifices made by health professionals in war and other conflict. He was pleased to be invited to compose the exhortation for the Memorial Plaque at the Wimpole Street entrance.

As a Trustee Grant McMillan will seek to work with colleagues on Council to enhance the Society's role in the Regions and in increasing public understanding of health matters, facilitate the organisation of Section activities, assist in identifying and meeting members' educational and social needs, and ensure prudent and proper management of its business.