



Dr. Akbar Bonakdarpour

Dr. Akbar Bonakdarpour, a world famous radiologist, passed away on December 11, 2020 at the age of 91. He was born and raised in Isfahan, Iran. He remained in Iran until he graduated from Tehran University Medical School in 1953, and then he moved to Philadelphia for his residency in radiology at Temple University Medical School. Following the completion of his residency, he returned to Iran to practice radiology. In 1962, he returned to the United States and joined the faculty of the Temple University Medical School department radiology, and he remained there until his retirement fifty years later in 2012.

In the early 1970s, when the radiology department underwent sub-specialization, Akbar was appointed a Professor and Chief of Muscular Skeletal Radiology, a position he maintained until his retirement in 2012. During his career, Dr. Bonakdarpour was elected as president of both the Philadelphia Radiologic Society and the Pennsylvania Radiologic Society. Dr. Bonakdarpour was a charter member of the International Skeletal Society where he played a leading role from the inception of the Society in 1974 until his retirement, serving on the Executive Board for many years. His leadership positions encompassed every major office from Secretary to President (1988-1990). The Founders Lecture was given in his honor in 1994. He gave multiple national and international lectures, and authored and co-authored many papers. His book, Diagnostic Imaging of Musculoskeletal Disease: A Systemic Approach was published in 2010 with co-authors William R. Reinus M.D. And Jasvir S. Khorana M.D. Dr. Bonakdarpour was a cofounder of the Iranian American Society (Shabahang) which continues to serve the Iranian American Diaspora while sharing Iranian culture with interested Americans. He cofounded Aramgah, a dedicated cemetery for Iranian Americans of all faiths. Akbar had a love for Persian poetry and published his own poetry in two books.

He is survived by sons Kuross and Cyrus. Kuross described his Dad as “a man of peace, honesty, poetry and religion who loved Temple University and the International Skeletal Society”.