

José Manuel Gabay, M.D.

It is distressing and almost impossible to sum up in a few words and to its full extent the professional and personal quality of Dr. José Manuel Gabay, who passed away in a car accident last Friday, June 25. Born in Tostado, Santa Fe, just over 47 years ago –June 3, 1963–, he completed high school at Liceo Militar General Belgrano in Santa Fe, and graduated cum laude as medical doctor from the University of Rosario in 1987.

Until 1989, he attended the residency program in Clinical Medicine at the Institute of Medical Research ‘Alfredo Lanari’, and in 1992, he completed his residence in Cardiology at the Heart Institute of the Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires. Since then, he began his fellowship training at the Interventional Cardiology Unit of that institution, then became a staff physician, and was recently appointed associate chief, on June 10, 2010. He also served as physician of the Interventional Cardiology staff at IMECC (Instituto de Medicina y Cirugía Cardiovascular) and at Sanatorio San Camilo, in Buenos Aires, until December 2009.

All who shared training and professional development with him –teachers, peers and colleagues– have valued his good manners and gentle character, his endless capacity for work, and his constant concern for research in the field of his specialty, which were evident in his participation, presentation and publication of several original papers at national and international conferences of cardiology.

Of special note is his work in the Argentine College of Interventional Cardiologists (Colegio Argentino de Cardiólogos Intervencionistas, CACI), where he was its current Vice President, and would have been its incoming President for 2011.

He was also a leading participant in the scientific societies, particularly in the Argentine Society of Cardiology (Sociedad Argentina de Cardiología, SAC), where he worked actively for the Council of Interventional Cardiology and the Educational Area, and served as coordinator of PROSAC.

We were especially honored by his participation in the Editing Committee of our journal, *Revista Argentina de Cardiología*, for which he worked to the best of his capacities to enhance and improve the publication of material related to his specialty.

Finally, to close these few lines, which are only intended to remember with affection a young and distinguished member of our community of cardiologists, who tragically died a few days ago, I would like to add, on behalf of the Editing Committee of the *Revista Argentina de Cardiología*, that his presence will always have a symbolic place in our regular work meetings, and that he has left unforgettable memories in our hearts.

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