

Dr. Antonio Paragano

On November 7, 2010, the Cardiologic Department of the Hospital Militar Central has suffered an unexpected and irreparable loss with the death of Dr Antonio Paragano, cardiologist, Full Member of the Sociedad Argentina de Cardiología.

All who were fortunate to meet and work with him know about his thoughts and dreams, always full of idealism and generosity.

Antonio is a special human being in our lives, as only some people are. He changed us all, since he changed everything that he touched with his stamp of unquestionable honesty and his principles, beliefs and spotless procedures.

He was bright as no one, fair, brave, determined, humble, kind ...it is impossible to put into words what he is for us, he always had the right word, precise and penetrating gaze, the clap at the right time. He ticked us the way, gave us everything and he did not ask us anything in return.

At 55 years of age, he was a "wise old man", he left us very quickly ... He still had to teach us many things. It is said that in this world no one is *irreplaceable* ... who says, did not know him.

In him all was coherence and example, his life, his family, his career and friendship. We will always remember that he liked to say "I do not say it, it is written," perhaps not realizing that what he taught us could not be written, but he transferred it to us to fire on all those mate mornings and case discussions

always based on evidence.

Antonio had more than 30 years of career, during that time he won many friends, colleagues, patients and students, whom he honored with his friendship

We have all lost a great person, a teacher, a referent and a tireless reader regarding all of medicine in general and cardiology in particular, but the younger also lost a true "surrogate father" since they entered to the residence at hospital .He is an example for all those who dedicate their lives to medicine.

He had the dream of "Great Service of Cardiology", which were an example within and outside the hospital. Gradually it has been advancing in the search of that dream, although there is still a long way to go. This is part of the legacy that Dr. Paragano left us and it is our duty and right to try to achieve it. It will be hard to move forward without him, but we will do it, because we owe it to him, his family and his son, who is now our colleague.

It was an honor to share with him the table of the "500", there we will always feel his presence, *he was and will forever be our hero* ... because, as he claimed, "I do not say it, it is written."

Your service and residence will love you indefinitely... Thank you, Antonio!

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