



Requiem for María Cristina Zurrú

Last December 13, our dear colleague María Cristina Zurrú left this earthly life.

A lot can be said about this extraordinary woman. These lines, seized by the grief of loss, want to honor this privileged woman, who was a beam of light for those who enjoyed, admired and loved her.

Her life was early interrupted by a hard and long disease. This final fate, that of facing the disease that would end defeating her, paradoxically enhanced those virtues that accompanied her throughout life and turned her into an exceptional physician and an exquisite person.

She dedicated all her life to medicine. Patients were her passion. And her outpouring generosity led her to share all her knowledge with her colleagues, tutoring the formation of numerous physicians in her discipline, Vascular Neurology. She did so in hospital practice, but that was not enough for her. And thus, she became in charge of the Neurology course in the Argentine Society of Neurology

These activities were insufficient to satisfy Cristina's capacity. So, convinced about a multidisciplinary approach to Medicine, this neurologist enriched our Society with her permanent and active presence. For many years she intensely participated in the Argentine Society of Cardiology, with an outstanding trajectory in the Stroke and Vascular Medicine Councils. It is worth mentioning that in the former she was Director, and the two books edited by this Council were achieved thanks to her drive, marked by the supervision, review and writing of core contents. In the Vascular Medicine Council, she worked from its creation at the beginning of 2018. She was a permanent pro-

motor of this Council, with subject reviews or case presentations always remarkable of her professional capacity. The final stage of her disease found her writing the chapter of cervical arteries in the new edition of the Vascular Medicine Consensus.

This brief summary of Cristina's activities is far from exhaustive, both in the professional aspect as in the review of the qualities of this great woman and physician.

Her demise is an irreparable loss. For those used to enjoy her professional competence and nobility, mourning is a bitter passage. These words of acknowledgement to her medical and personal talent are far from doing thorough justice to her memory.

We have wished to emphasize her legacy, that transcends her.

Perhaps it would be more appropriate to point out that she foresaw the submission of her life, in the summit of her medical and personal development, also as an act of love for others. She ensured bequeathing all her material possessions to the son of a very close family, making this boy the heir of all her goods, with the satisfaction of facilitating his upbringing and education. This act of posthumous generosity is the corollary of the great life of this woman, doctor and philanthropist, who gave everything and kept nothing for herself, until the moment of surrendering her life.

We have thus wished to remember her.

May her soul rest in peace.

Farewell, Cristina.

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