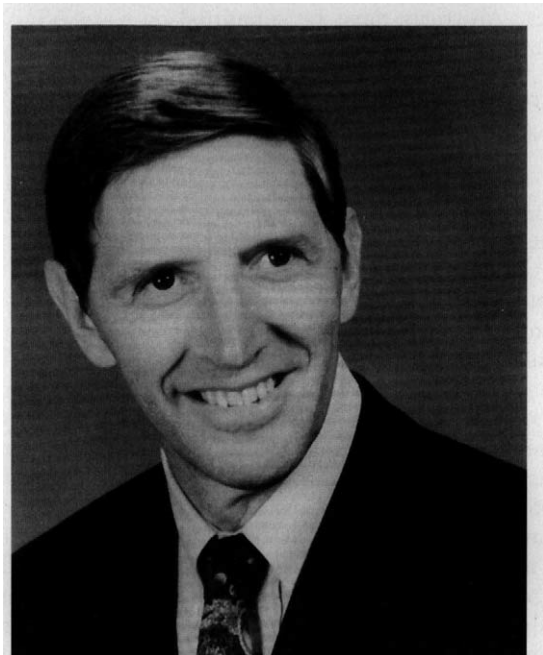


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DALE M. DANIEL, MD
August 23, 1939 to April 17, 1995

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Dale M. Daniel, MD, at his home in California. Dr. Daniel, who was 55 years old, had been battling lymphoma for the past 5 years. Despite his illness, which forced him to curtail his practice and restrict his activity, he continued to study, write, lecture, and investigate knee ligament injuries.

Dale Daniel was born in Rahway, New Jersey, and attended Willamette University in Oregon where he received his bachelor's degree. He earned his medical degree in 1965 at UCLA. After his internship at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance, California, he fulfilled his national service obligation in the Peace Corps in Chile. He moved to San Diego in 1968 to enter the orthopaedic residency at UCSD, where he later joined the faculty as chief of rehabilitation medicine at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. In 1975 he joined the staff of Southern California Permanente Medical Group, where he established the San Diego Knee Research Fellowship Program. He remained active on the UCSD faculty, directing the resident core curriculum for many years. In 1993 he was promoted to Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery in the UCSD faculty of medicine.

Dr. Daniel achieved widespread acclaim and admiration for his honest and thorough research methods and unquenchable curiosity. He studied and wrote extensively on knee ligament injuries and their treatment, publishing

many scholarly articles and chapters. He authored and edited the book *Knee Ligaments: Structure, Function, Injury and Repair*. Along with his collaborators he developed several instruments for objective documentation of knee motion. He was honored for his work on numerous occasions; he received the AOSSM award for Outstanding Clinical Research on instrumented measurement of the ACL-deficient knee and the O'Donoghue Award for his investigation of clinical outcomes after ACL injury.

Dr. Daniel was admired as much for his integrity as for his investigative skills. In 1991 he was presented the inaugural Partner of the Year Award by the Southern California Permanente Medical Group of San Diego, which recognized his contributions to his family and community, his public activism, and his mentorship of young orthopaedic surgeons. He received the Humana Award from the AOSSM in 1991 and the Bay Area Knee Society Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993.

Always the good husband, father, and citizen, he was active in his church and community throughout his life. He coached elementary and junior high school students for several years in the local basketball league. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and belonged to the Sierra Club and Physicians for Social Responsibility. He enjoyed hiking and backpacking with his wife Pam and his sons Eric and Scott. He had planned, upon retirement, to devote his time to finding ways to support children and youth.

To the residents, fellows, and staff who worked with him, Dr. Daniel was an incomparable role model and mentor. He was a calm and peaceful man who lent a sense of purpose and idealism to those around him. To him, the word "fellowship" carried great meaning. He believed that the purpose of scholarly interaction should be the enrichment of fellow and staff alike. His approach to teaching was to share ideas and understanding rather than dictate information, and he was as open to the ideas of his "students" as they were to his teaching. His ability to seek and recognize wisdom in others won him great respect and admiration among those who worked under him.

Dale Daniel understood, as few others have, how our ability to help patients is limited by the availability of meaningful data. His research, as well as his interaction with fellows, staff, and colleagues, reflected this understanding. His prospective clinical studies on knee ligament injuries have provided a foundation for clinical practice that will be enduring. His death is a great loss to the field of orthopaedic surgery. The field of sports medicine has lost one of its most revered teachers and trusted scientists. Our profession is undeniably diminished by the loss of one of its brightest and most ethical practitioners, yet Dale Daniel's contributions remain an inspiration and example to all.

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